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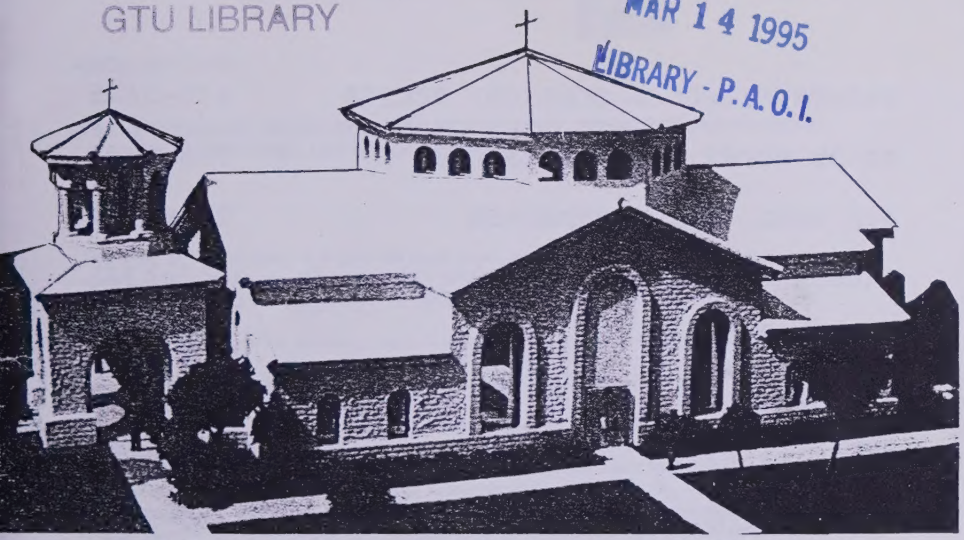

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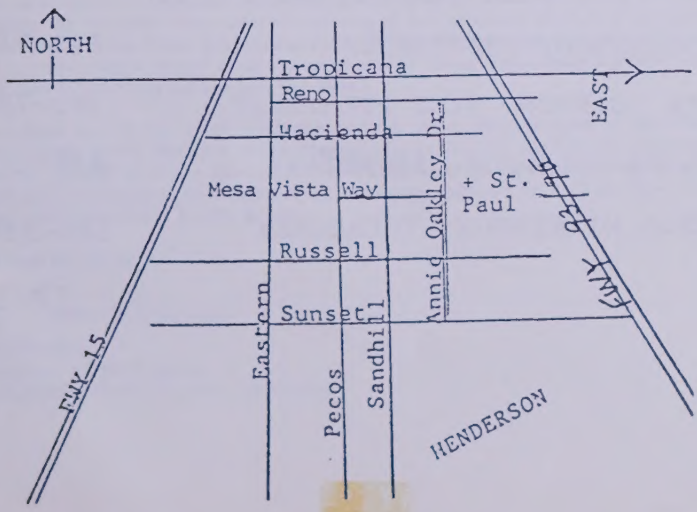

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GREAT LENT, 1995

TO THE VENERABLE HIERARCHS, REVEREND CLERGY, MONASTICS AND FAITHFUL
OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA

Dearly beloved,

The time of Great Lent is a gift offered to us by the Church. Whether we live in the world or in a monastic community, the period of prayer, fasting, and repentance is for all who desire to enter the Holy and Bright Feast of the Lord's Passover.

As we begin our lenten journey, we are made aware through the penitential canon of St. Andrew of Crete, and through the cycle of services, that sin and death have alienated us from God and from each other. During these days of introspection we are also given the good news that through the victory of the cross, forgiveness and joy are gifts to the world through the Savior's passion and resurrection. But to hear and embrace this message requires us to approach this period of preparation and renewal by living beyond the routine formality that often characterizes Christian faith and spirituality. Rather than perceiving the next six weeks as something we mechanically repeat year after year, the Church calls us to understand Great Lent as a return to our common ascetical struggle — a struggle which liberates us from the mortality and corruption of the fallen creation. Therefore, we who have put on Christ in holy baptism (Gal. 3:27) — we who have been clothed in newness of life — are to wisely use these days for returning to spiritual warfare. For only when we are engaged in this battle will we be able to keep vigil as we await the Lord's second and glorious coming.

Great Lent is a time of renewal. It awakens us from the slumber of indifference and hardheartedness. It alerts us to the vainglory and envy that divide us from one another, weaken our parishes and deplete the energy of the Church. And it urges us to remove the masks of superficial fasting, piety and repentance since they seek to cover up our deep-rooted sin, evil impulses and infidelity to our great and high calling as Christ's disciples. As we enter Great Lent the rhythm of our spiritual warfare is to expose and root out everything which prevents us from drawing near to the love of the Triune God. Only in this struggle, which must continue beyond Great Lent, can we properly respond to God's love by offering up our love for Him.

As we draw near to the "gates of repentance" let us not hesitate to enter upon the path leading to the bridal chamber of the Master. As we ask one another for forgiveness, let us accept the gift of Great Lent and allow ourselves to be immersed in its waters of ascetical purification so that together we may gaze upon the face of the New Adam who has indeed destroyed death by His death.

With love in Christ,

+Theodosius

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Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

FROM THE DESK OF FR. NICHOLAS...

CHRIST IS AMONG US!

DEAR FAITHFUL,

Here we are under the gun again so to speak. I guess that's the way I like it--pressure, pressure, pressure. By the time you get this, there will be a little more than 70 days to finish the Church for the consecration **MAY 13.** We don't have much of a choice other than getting it ready.

Mainly, our focus for March is the drywall, doors and off sites (street, curbs, sidewalks on Annie Oakley. God willing, April will be used to finish the interior.

I am sure that you already realize that, like every building project, we are over budget. In order to do the altar area properly by constructing the APSE so that the Platytera can eventually be placed there, and the dome for the PANTOCRATOR, we are looking at another $20,000.00. How we get this is going to be creative, another hit for bucks or possibly enhance the loan. Of course, the former is better but we'll see.

We have gotten five (5) chandeliers for the Church interior and if you would like to purchase one, they are $1,273.00 apiece. This was an excellent price as they are no longer being made.

I pray that this Lenten experience will bless all of you and prepare us for what He give.

BLESSINGS,

Fr. Nicholas

FATHER NICHOLAS

Volunteers, God Bless Them

Many will be shocked to find
When the day of judgment nears
That there's a special place in heaven
Set aside for volunteers.
Furnished with big recliners,
Satin couches and footstools,
Where there's no committee chairmen,
No group leaders or car pools.
No eager team that needs a coach,
No bazaar and no bake sale,
There will be nothing to staple,
Not one thing to fold or mail.
Telephone lists will be outlawed,
But a finger snap will bring
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners
And treats fit for a king.
You ask, "Who'll serve these privileged few
And work for all they're worth?"
Why, all those who reaped the benefits
And not once volunteered on Earth.

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* * * SOUP & BREAD AFTER PRE-SANCTIFIED ON WEDNESDAYS WITH DISCUSSION	5 Forgiveness Sunday 9 AM LITURGY 6:30 PM VESPERS	6 Great Lent begins (strict fast) 6:30 PM GREAT CANON-----	7
* * * FR. MICHAEL OLEKSA TO VISIT MARCH 22	12 Great Lent I –Sunday of Orthodoxy St Gregory of Rome St Simeon the New Theologian 9 AM LITURGY	13 Repose of Metropolitan Theophan (Noli), founding hierarch of the Albanian Archdiocese, 1965	14 St Benedict of Nursia 6:30 PM PARISH COUNCI
* * *	19 Great Lent II–Sunday of St Gregory of Palamas 9 AM LITURGY	20 6:30 PM WOMENS GUILD Spring Session of the Holy Synod of Bishops Oyster Bay Cove, NY, March 20-23	21 BIRTHDAY OF BENITO JUAREZ (MEXICO)
	26 Great Lent III–Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel 9 AM LITURGY	27	28

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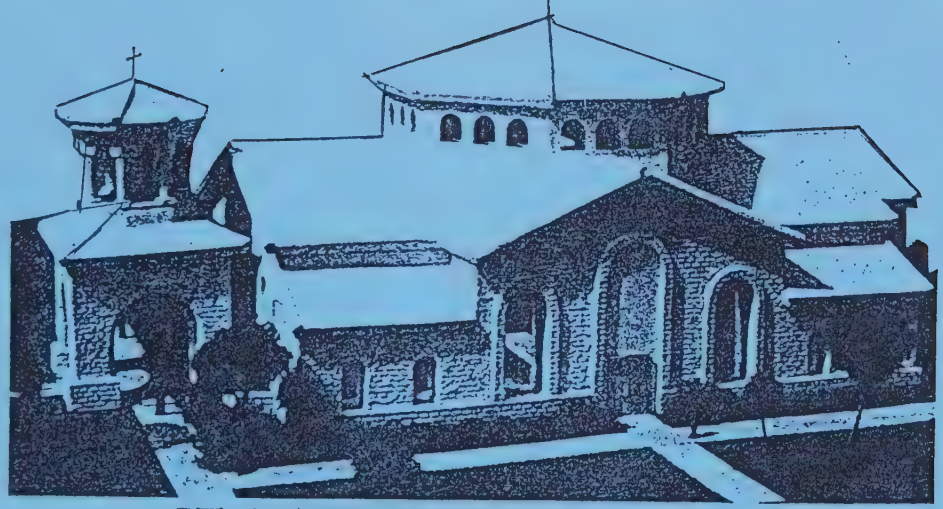

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8 6:30 PM PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY	9 The 40 Martyrs of Sebaste	10	11 First Saturday of Lent –St Theodore the Soldier 9 AM LITURGY 5 PM VESPERS
15 6:30 PM PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY First Meeting of the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas (SCOBA) convened, 1960	16 Retreat Diocese of Western Pennsylvania Late Vocations Program, Spring Semester Diocese of Western Pennsylvania Thursdays, March 16–June 1	17 St Patrick of Ireland	18 Memorial Saturday St Cyril of Jerusalem 9 AM LITRUGY 5 PM VESPERS
22 6:30 PM PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY	23 The Martyrs of Illyria	24 6:30 PM VESPERS 11th Annual Clergy Wives Retreat Monastery of the Glorious Ascension Resaca, GA, March 24–26 Bishop Polycarp (Morusca), first bishop of the Romanian Episcopate, consecrated, 1935	25 Annunciation to the Holy Theotokos 9 AM LITURGY 3:30 PM CHURCH SCHOOL 5 PM VESPERS
29 6:30 PM PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY	30	31 St Innocent of Moscow, Apostle to America, 1879 Agreement on the Autocephaly of the Orthodox Church in America signed, Oyster Bay Cove, NY, 1970	April S M T W T F S 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Almighty Master, Physician of Souls and Bodies, Who makes us humble and Who raises us up, Who cleans and heals. Do Thou visit, with Thy mercy, these ailing Servants. Stretch forth Thine arm that is full of health and healing, and heal them, raising them from their beds and infirmity. Restrain the spirit of weakness, cast off from them every soreness, every ailment, every wound, every fever and seizure. And if they have iniquities or transgressions, loose, remit and forgive them for the sake of Thy love towards mankind. Yea, O Lord, pity Thy creatures, through Christ Jesus our Lord, with whom Thou are blessed into ages of ages. Amen.

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CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

The Church School program is temporarily on Saturdays once a month. We will begin the regular program in the fall after the Divine Liturgy every Sunday. Please work with us and the new Director of Religious Instruction, Michael Spaimhoward. All of the teachers are working extremely hard to make this program work. The schedule is:

March 25 (Saturday)
April 29 (Saturday)
May 20 (Saturday)

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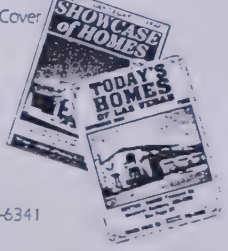

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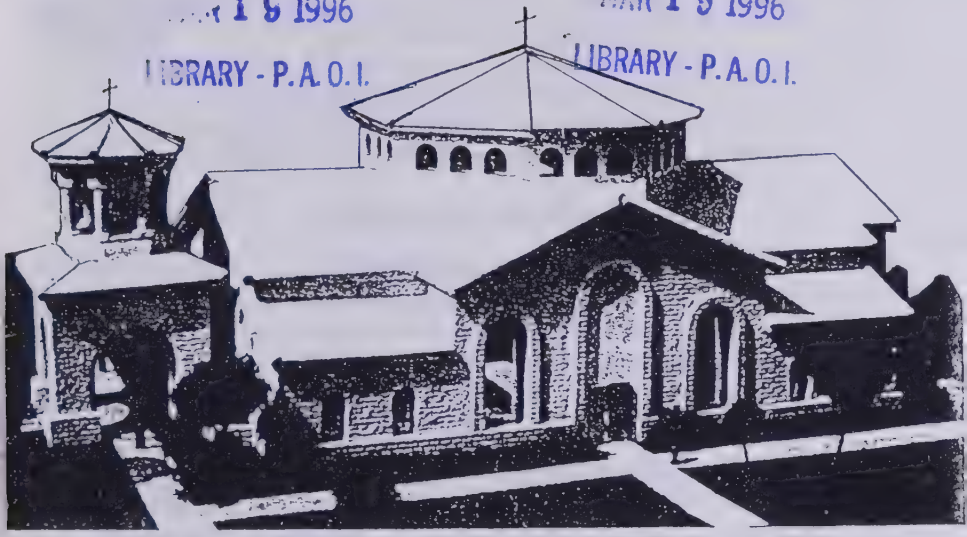

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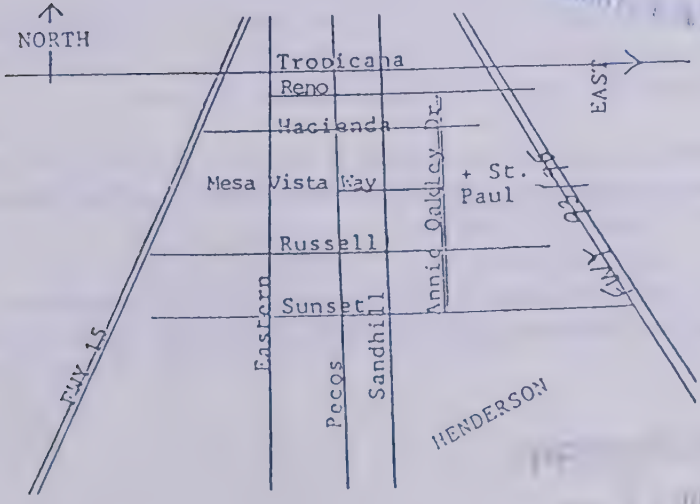

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Confessions are heard after Vespers and before Divine Liturgy, and by appointment.
Please call for Holy Day schedules

ANNOUNCEMENT!!!!

There will be a **special called General Assembly** of the congregation of St. Paul the Apostle Orthodox Church on **Thursday, March 7th, at 7:00 P.M., in the Community Center hall.**

Father Ian MacKinnon, Dean of the Las Vegas Mission Deanery, will be present to discuss some possible changes in St. Paul Church.

It is of the utmost importance that you attend this meeting and help plan for the future of St. Paul Church.

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GREAT LENT 1996

from the desk of *Father Nicholas*

Dear Faithful,

Christ is in our Midst!

We have entered the *fast* period and for the next six weeks will be attending more services , preparing for **Holy Confession** and ultimately the **Great and Holy Pascha!**

Sunday we are going to celebrate the *Sunday of Orthodoxy* vespers at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church at 5:00 p.m. This is the first time that we have done this since 1988. Let us all join together for this service.

The **Pre-Sanctified Liturgies** will be celebrated every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Fridays at 6:45 **a.m.** Those wanting to received Holy Communion must fast from their noon meal until after the liturgy.

Wednesday evenings we will have a ***soup and bread*** meal in the Community Center following the liturgy. A short sermon will be presented during the liturgy and discussion following in the center. Last year our Lenten attendance was **wonderful**. I pray that it will be even better this year. Make the effort to come and prepare for the **Pascha**.

Next Thursday at 7:00 p.m. we will convene a **Special General Assembly.** Father Ian MacKinnon, Dean of the Las Vegas Mission Deanery will be present to discuss some possible changes in St. Paul Church. It is **imperative** that you attend this meeting to hear and help make some plans for the future.

And lastly, I want to *implore* each of you to prepare this Lenten Season for the **Sacrament of Holy Confession.** I know there are some Orthodox Churches that don't *practice* the use of this sacrament but believe me, it is a sacrament and does wonders for healing the soul. Please make an effort to talk with me if you are concerned and that it may even be your first time.

I pray that each of you will become closer to Him as we walk with Him on the *Lenten Journey.*

With Blessings,

Fr. Nicholas

On Prayer
by
His Grace, Bishop John (Shakovskoy) of San Francisco

Many pray; all should. Many turn to God at various moments in their lives-not only when torn by painful experiences, but also when the heart overflows with radiant joy. Sometimes people pray at the beginning of an undertaking; less frequently at the end. At times they pray without premeditation, during the day, walking up to an Icon, or simply kneeling down where they stand; turning toward their Creator in an impulse of gratitude or repentance. Some pray methodically morning and evening, before and after meals, and at greater length in church. Others pray at home when the evening stillness descends, or in the quiet dawn of the early morning.

Various are the words with which man turns to God; many are the shades of feeling; unequal is the force of aspiration; unalike is the degree of faith...And meantime all humanity is in possession of the bond of prayer, mighty in the force of its responsibility; the bond of prayer-the highest attainable communion of mankind. In this invisible but very real communion all ages and generations are as one, all the fragments of fallen and broken humanity are united: men of all convictions, opinions, circumstances. All things are bond together by invisible threads in the mystery of prayer.

If the world has not yet disintegrated, it if remains still and holds human life, it is because from all the ends of the earth, from its heights and abysses, there arises to God pure prayer: the sigh of a constantly vitalized creation.

What is prayer? It is communion with God. People consider themselves favored, and all their lives remember the occasions when they succeed in speaking with some outstanding man, high in position or rich in talent; world-renowned in name. How much more precious, it would seem, should people regar4d communion with Him who has created worldly loftiness and significance. It would appear that great happiness ought to be evoked by the realization that direct recourse to the Only True King Of Heaven and Earth is possible...But how little, and with what little sensitivity, do people realize this immediate nearness of God.

What does one ordinarily value in prayer? The possibility of asking something of the Master of all things: to escape sickness, suffering, danger, death, for one's self or for those dear to one. The possibility of receiving those tangible blessings appreciated by the world: the so-called blessings of life-a happy home, someone to love, good children, fortunate circumstances, pleasant work, good health, success in this venture or that...

Yet man does not turn to God for earthly needs alone. Enlightened people realize that everything material should be left in the hands of God, while man himself ought not to care overmuch about it, even in prayer, but ought rather fulfill his higher tasks Whatever else is needed "shall be added," said the Lord And confident in that promise spiritual people seek

and ask only spiritual blessings in prayer: prayer itself, patience, love, humility, purity and truth. They ask to know and to hear the will of God, and on hearing it to do it. Already aware of the will of God in many things, they ask for the blessed strength to fulfill it.

People with such inspired consciousness, with such interests of the heart, are not uncommon in the world. More numerous, of course, are those who combine such high purpose with baser motives, and much more numerous are those who are guided in life only by their baser interests, even praying to God on their own behalf.

Most worthy is the lofty, nonmaterial aspiration in prayer. Yet even those with material requests, like children who pray, harvest the fruit of prayer, although not always in the he way they ask.

Great is the power of humble prayer. It is never unfulfilled, even though it does not bring its blessing in the form desired. If one may imagine a man who turned to God with a million requests, none of them fulfilled, know and believe that after these supplications to God-if they were humble-the man received a blessing greater than the fulfillment of all of his requests. For unfulfilled human requests the Lord substitutes his gifts: the most important and most needed blessings of the petitioner. The Lord needed blessings of the petitioner. The Lord alone knows what is important and necessary for everyone, while man in his prayers is not unlike the child reaching for the flame of a candle...

Prayer for him who truly believes is always a treasure, always precious.

Suppose that you fail to see a person you greatly love, contact with whom is always a joy to you. You wish to see him-and as frequently as possible-but you can call on him only if you have some request to make of him. You wish very much to see him, far more than to receive anything from him. And in order to see him you turn to him with a request. In the depth of your heart it is immaterial to you whether or not he grants the request; but dear to you as the opportunity to speak, to hear him. You leave his house not thinking of the gift at all, whether or not it was given. Your heart is filled with him alone...This is what human love means.

If we can thus love man, how much more-God! Our every supplication before Him is a joy-that which is granted and that which is not. In both instances our soul is benefited. We rise to heaven, to the Creator of the universe; and the divine ember of seraphic grace galls on our heart.

Next month: How to Pray, by Princess Ileana of Romania

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Presanctified Liturgies Wednesdays at 6:30 PM & Fridays at 6:45 AM. Inquirer's Classes each Saturday at 3:30 PM at Church SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THURDAYS, MARCH 7th at 7:00 PM IMPORTANT!!! Liturgy each Saturday in Lent at 9 AM Supply names for memorial Saturdays.	*". . being children of Faith and having courage and vision, we know that Christ has overcome and will continue to overcome all obstacles. The gates of Hell cannot hold back the Church from doing her work. In Faith we already know that what is impossible for us is not impossible for God."* Metropolitan Theodosius, *On the Bicentennial of Orthodoxy in North America* (September 11, 1994)		
	3 Great Lent I –Sunday of Orthodoxy 9:00AM Liturgy 5:00PM Vespers at St. John's	4	5
	10 Great Lent II–Sunday of St Gregory of Palamas 9:00AM Liturgy	11	12 St Gregory of Rome St Symeon the New Theologian 6:30PM Parish Council
	17 Great Lent III–Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross St Patrick of Ireland 9:00AM Liturgy	18 St Cyril of Jerusalem Spring Session Holy Synod of Bishops Oyster Bay Cove, NY, March 18-21 Repose of Metropolitan Ireney (Bekish), 1981	19 Late Vocations Program, Spring Semester Diocese of Western Pennsylvania Tuesdays, March 19-June 4
	24 Great Lent IV- Sunday of St John of the Ladder 9:00AM Liturgy	25 Annunciation to the Holy Theotokos 9:00AM Liturgy	26 Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel
	31 Great Lent V- Sunday of St Mary of Egypt St Innocent of Moscow Apostle to America, 1879 9:00AM Liturgy 5:00PM Vespers		

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6 6:30 PM Pre-sanctified/ soup supper & discussion	7 SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 7:00 PM	8 6:45AM Pre-sanctified	9 The 40 Martyrs of Sebaste 9:00AM Liturgy 5:00PM Vespers
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From the Fathers...

Such is the love of God for mankind that He never rejects genuine repentance, but even if someone were to go beyond the limit of evil and desired to return from there to the way of virtue, he would receive and approach him, doing everything to guide him to his former condition. In fact, He is still more loving: for even if one die not how all repentance--even the very least--He would reward him much for the little repentance shown.

If is not He who ever turns away from us, but rather we who detach ourselves from Him. If you have sinned and fallen, rise, arise please. For the good and loving Master who was put to shame by your sin is beside you and does not reject cohabitation with you. Give Him your hand.

-- St. John Chrysostom

International Education Forum
Exchange Students

The sponsoring of foreign exchange students is a familiar program to most Americans. Some of us may have already had some experience in providing food and lodging to young people from abroad while they attend school in the United States. With the opening of eastern Europe to greater contact with the West, the opportunity for students from those countries, especially Orthodox students, has increased. To put it simply, there is a need for Orthodox households to sponsor students, both Orthodox and non-Orthodox.

If you would like more information on this program, please contact Fr. James Bertolini, Community Coordinator, at (702) 740-4443.

Stewardship Notes

Did you know that one ***does not*** "become" a steward by signing a pledge card or making a commitment? By virtue of our being created in the image and likeness of Almighty God, the Creator of the Cosmos, each one of us is a steward!

And God said, "Let us make man in our image and likeness to rule the fish in the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all wild animals on earth, and all reptiles that crawl upon the earth." (Genesis 1:26)

God's intention is for us to be His stewards in caring for and in using the bounty He provides to us in creation. This includes the greatest gift in creation, the Body of His Only Son, the Church.

Stewardship means caring for that which has been entrusted to you. The stewards role is one of giving of oneself by giving of ones time, talents and treasure to the end that the thing entrusted may be nurtured and may grow and prosper. It is a sacred duty and a joyous task.

In this ***'Year of Stewardship'*** at our church, let us remember that the duty of a steward is laid upon us all. The question is, how are we going to carry out that duty so that in the end we may hear from His lips, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant.".

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:

Joseph Andrew	Ann Boris
Thomas Efstathiou	Stanley Gilovich
Eva Hartley	Angie Mezilson
James Mezilson	Kevin Morgenstern
Virginia Popescul	Svetlana Schwartsman
Barbara Stokich	Melvin Stokich
Henry Van Benthem	Millie Yalich

Subdeacon George Michael (Kevin) Gagliardi

A Prayer for the Sick

Almighty Master, Physician of Souls and Bodies, Who makes us humble and Who raises us up, Who cleans and heals. Do Thou visit, with Thy mercy, these ailing Servants. Stretch forth Thine arm that is full of health and healing, and heal them, raising them from their beds and infirmity. Restrain the spirit of weakness, cast off from them every soreness, every ailment, every wound, every fever and seizure. And if they have iniquities or transgressions, loose, remit and forgive them for the sake of Thy love towards mankind. Yea, O Lord, pity Thy creatures, through Christ Jesus our Lord, with whom Thou are blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

Grant O Lord, a prosperous and peaceful life, health, salvation, length of days and furtherance in all good things to Thy servants celebrating their birthdays, and grant them many years!

For February:

Katie Rose Anderson	2/9	Jonathan Joseph Asega	2/26
David K. Asghedom	2/12	J. Anthony Bernardi	2/18
Paul Blonsky	2/13	Florence Buchanan	2/5
Dorin Ferrari	2/16	Aghaia Fuson	2/27
Christopher Garrot	2/10	Mussie A. Gebremeskel	2/11
Miron Goitom Hailu	2/22	Theodora Hailu	2/22
John T. Harling	2/28	Anthony Henninger	2/5
Amy Hilliard	2/21	Cynthia Ann Hoffman	2/6
Eric W. Hoffman	2/24	Andrew Ilyinsky	2/19
George Kostin	2/27	Irene A. Kostin	2/27
Ryan McCullough	2/25	Hiruy Mehari	2/5
Redda G. Mehari	2/12	Randy Moore	2/25
Alaina Anne Neal	2/4	Taylor M. Paul	2/16
Jane Papazis	2/22	Virginia Popescul	2/23
Agnes Rentz	2/9	Carl Sechrist	2/5
Cathryn Settlemyre	2/13	Matthew T. Spainhoward	2/9
Michael Stefanatos	2/10	Barbara Stokich	2/6

For March:

Scott Anderson	3/2	Igor Blonsky	3/12
David Chapman	3/22	Taylor Lin Chapman	3/22
Brandon Chong	3/10	Carmine F. Donaruma	3/27
Michael Drexler	3/18	Alexis Nadine Eddy	3/10
Thomas Goitom Hailu	3/7	Evangeline Eva Hartley	3/23
Saba Demetra Kebede	3/30	Matthew Zerai Kelati	3/6
Mihaela Kostin	3/7	Mary Loukas	3/30
John Lowe	3/10	Robert Miller	3/14
Eden Negasi	3/13	Tekeste Negasi	3/13
Nathalie Novic	3/22	Carroll Ogren	3/25
Patricia Ogren	3/25	Anton Primaky	3/27
Martin Rajsich	3/9	Charles J. St. John	3/23
John Buchanan Stanis	3/19	Mehret Tesfazion	3/21
George Yalich	3/15	Sophie Yalich	3/15
Nicholas Zerogianes	3/12		

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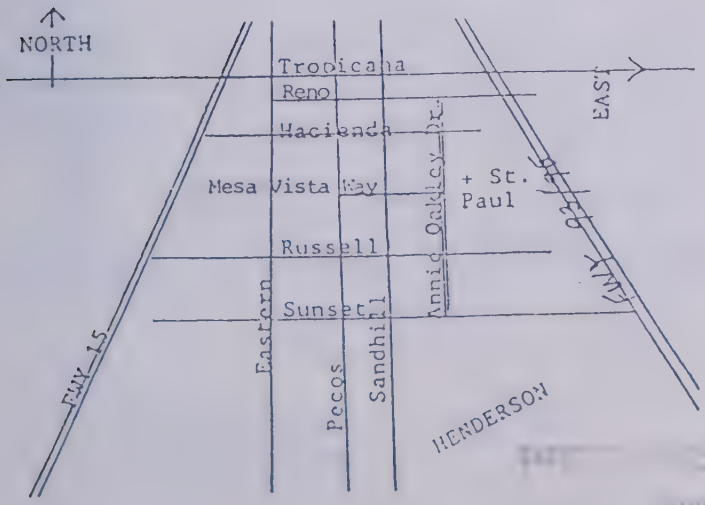

Come to the Western Bar-B-Que!!

Join us for an evening of food, fun and fellowship "Western Style"!! St. Paul's annual Western Bar-B-Que (sometimes called incorrectly a "steak fry") will be:

Saturday, February 10, 1996
at 6:00 p.m.
at the Church Community Center

Suggested donations are $10.00 per adult and $5.00 per child 16 years old and under.

So folks, get all your cowboy and cowgirl duds ready and don't forget to get your tickets! Tickets are available at the Church from Bobby Paul, Tom Borer or Bill Popescul. Call 898-4800 for more information.

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"Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and do not reject your mother's teaching..." Proverbs 1:7

As Orthodox Christians we have an obligation to ourselves and to those to whom we would present our Holy Faith to know and understand what we believe and teach. In the coming weeks there will be two great opportunities to learn more about Orthodoxy.

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church, located at Jones and Hacienda, is currently holding **Adult Instruction** each **Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the St. John Church.** All at St. Paul Church are invited and encouraged to attend. **Classes will continue through February 21st.**

Beginning Saturday, February 17th and continuing through Great and Holy Saturday, Father Michael will be teaching an Inquirer's Class for Orthodox Christians and for those who are interested in the Orthodox Faith. Classes will begin at 3:30 p.m. and last about an hour and 15 minutes. After a short break the class will be invited to attend Vespers and afterwards a time of fellowship and open discussion for those who wish to remain a while.

The clergy of St. John's and St. Paul's hope you will take the time to participate in these classes and to support those who are coming to Orthodoxy. For more information contact St. Paul Church at 898-4800.

AGENDA OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11,1996

1. **Opening Prayer**

2. **Determination of a Quorum**

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

4. **Reports:**
   Father Nicholas, Parish
   Father Michael, Church School
   Kay Buchanan, Women's Guild
   Randy Moore, Vice-President

5. **Financial Statement and Auditor Report**

6. **Adoption of Annual Parish Budget**

7. **Election of Parish Council**
   and
   Diocese Assembly

8. **Adjournment**

9. **Closing Prayer**

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Western BBQ 10th, 6pm Annual Mtg 11th Inquirer's Class 17th & 24th Adult Class St. John's Wed's 7pm 7th,14th,21st Reception 6th, 7pm for Fr John Kowalczyk Great Lent services begin 26th! Church School Meeting 17th, 2pm	*"It is when we begin to give ourselves up to Him completely, and truly begin to pray the prayer of the publican, that the power of God's all forgiving love can begin its miracle of healing and resurrection."* Metropolitan Theodosius, *Pastoral Letter for Great Lent* (March 1990), referring to Luke 18:10–14		
	4 Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee (fast free week) Liturgy 9am Scout Sunday	5 Respose of St Theodosius of Chernigov	6 Lesser Synod Meeting Oyster Bay Cove, NY
	11 Sunday of the Prodigal Son Liturgy 9am Annual Meeting	12 Icon of Our Lady of Iberia	13 Clergy Convocation Diocese of the Midwest, February 13–15
	18 Sunday of the Last Judgement Liturgy 9am	19 Women's Guild 6:30pm PRESIDENTS DAY (USA)	20
	25 Forgiveness Sunday Liturgy 9am Vespers 5pm OCA MISSIONS APPEAL SUNDAY	26 Great Lent begins (strict fast) Great Canon 7 pm	27 Great Canon 7 pm

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Planting for the Future. OCA Mission Appeal Sunday, February 25.	1 Vespers 7pm	2 Meeting of Our Lord Liturgy 9am Winter Youth Encounter Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania St Tikhon's Seminary, South Canaan, PA February 2-4 World Day of Orthodox Youth	3 St Nicholas of Japan Vespers 5pm
7 Choir 7pm	8	9	10 Vespers 5pm Western BBQ 6pm
14 Choir 7pm	15	16 Youth Month Retreat, Chicago Deanery Diocese of the Midwest, February 16-17	17 Memorial Saturday Inquirer's Class 3:30pm Vespers 5pm Annual Meeting St Vladimir's Theological Foundation St Vladimir's Seminary, Crestwood, NY
21 Choir 7pm	22 Deanery Retreat Divine Liturgy 8am at St. Paul's	23	24 First & Second Findings of the Head of St John the Baptist Inquirer's Class 3:30pm Vespers 5pm
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from the desk of *Father Nicholas*

Dear Faithful,

Christ is in our Midst!

1996 The Year of Stewardship

I am confident that your reading this short letter will do one of two things. 1) It will encourage you to give *better* or 2) It will completely irritate you. I sincerely hope it is the first.

Our Parish Council has unanimously decided to support ***a year of stewardship*** for St. Paul parish. This means that we are all going to diligently work to make our *donations* go as far as possible and for the right reason.

Last year our *total* income exceeded $240,000.00!!! Now, please think what part of that you personally contributed. It sounds like a lot of money but the majority was for *designated funds*, e.g. icons, chandeliers, carpet, etc.

1996 we want to be a **full-time Church.** This means a full-time priest, an office that is open daily, a mortgage that is paid on time and so forth. This is what we all want and the time is here.

Our **Annual Meeting** or General Assembly is Sunday, February 11 right after Liturgy and is the time for us to sit down and *prayerfully* discern our future.

There will be more on *stewardship* in the future and what each of us has to do in order for this to work.

I ask that you give this to prayer and ask God to help us do what we know has to be done.

With Blessings,

Fr. Nicholas

Vocations

The word has special meaning when it comes to the Church. It is used to describe the special "calling" of God and the Church on the heart, mind and spirit of a person to give themselves to service in the Church.

Father John Kowalczyk, President of the Alumni Association of St. Tikhon's Seminary, will be our guest at a reception on Tuesday evening, February 6th, at 7:00 p.m. Fr. John will address those present on opportunities for both lay and ordained ministry and the role of St. Tikhon's Seminary in the life of the Orthodox Church in America.

St. Paul church is no stranger to seeing its own children answer the call to ministry. One needs only remember Scott Dotson, now Father Nicholas Dotson; Mike Spainhoward, now Father Michael; and Wes Jarlson, our Reader and soon to be a resident student at St. Tikhon's Seminary. Look also at the number of altar servers, choir members, church school teachers, among many others, who give of their time and talents in ministry.

The future of the Church depends upon us living our faith through the Grace of God and fostering a spirit and an atmosphere in which vocations can take root, grow and bear good fruit to the Glory of God and the growth of His Holy Church.

Choir News

The Adult Choir will be practicing on Tuesday evenings at 7pm and on Sundays after Divine Liturgy during Great Lent.

The newly formed Childrens Choir will begin practicing on Sunday, February 18th. The Childrens Choir will sing the Divine Liturgy on Palm Sunday.

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Women's Guild

Did you know that every woman who is a member of St. Paul the Apostle Orthodox Church is also a member of the St. Paul Women's Guild? Well, that is true! So don't worry if you have not been asked to "join", you are already a member.

The women of St. Paul Church are looking forward to having you at your next meeting on Monday, February 19th, at 6:30 pm, at the Community Center hall.

You are Invidted to Attend the Second Annual

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Church School Activities

Let's go bowling!!

Saturday, February 17th
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leet at St. Paul's Church, drive to Sunset Lanes, Green alley, then return to the church for pizza and Vespers. Each nild must have a signed permission slip to go on the trip.

arents -- we will need transportation and assistance! Call larie Bernardi at 382-3445, Wed - Sat, 10-4, for more iformation.

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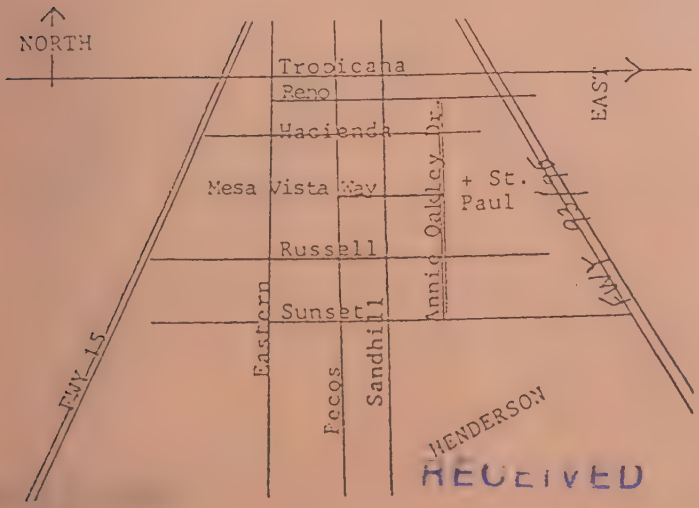

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from the desk of... ***father nicholas***

Dear Faithful,

Christ is Born!

This greeting may seem early and yet as time seems to *fly* I find it appropriate. As I think back in 1988 as we were looking to have our first Nativity and Christmas celebration and see 1995 in our very own St. Paul Orthodox Church- how **Great a God He Is!**. There are more blessings than we can count and every week something new changes in the make-up of St. Paul. Whether we have added more to the building or have seen a new face- growth is what we are.

Just last month we **celebrated** our ***7th Anniversary*** since the first liturgy November 13, 1988. It is still incomprehensible for me to understand how our people are able to put together a dinner in our Community Center with **no kitchen.** It is love and devotion to their Church.

Now that we have our own building we need to work *toward* making **all** our financial responsibilities with ***stewardship*** and stewardship alone. This means that everyone of us, yes , including me, is going to have to make certain sacrifices for us to meet our responsibilities. I challenge you to this. Are you willing to make a *sacrificial* contribution to **your** Church? Are you willing to make your donation to St. Paul at the same time you make your mortgage payment? It's important that we keep our mortgages current but what if we are asked for accountability in the *heavenly mansion?*

Our parish council has been working with you on asking for commitments. To my knowledge there has been but one person who said "*I have some concerns about the church.*" I know this person and his concerns are not with the Church , rather, *outside* the Church.

All of us I am sure will be buying Christmas presents for loved ones. What are you going to give your Church that is *extra* this year? I can't complain about the number of dollars and kinds of other work our people do. I can only ask that if you are willing to make a *better* commitment we will be able to do more.

Our Church building is beautiful and will become even more beautiful with time. We are filling the inside with faithful and committed Orthodox Christians. Let us become even more faithful in *how* and *what* we give so that when *our time comes* He will say to us **'well done good and *faithful* servant'.**

May the Blessings of His Nativity fill your life.

Fr. Nicholas

A NEW KITCHEN AT ST. PAUL

The **Womens Guild** of St. Paul Orthodox Church is working on a two-fold project. We are creating a **Lenten Cookbook**. It will have recipes for strict fast as well as *not so strict* fast days.

We need recipe donations. If you have a *favorite* lenten recipe, breakfast, lunch, dinner or desserts **send them in!**

Please include the name of the person donating the recipe, the name of their *home*parish, and if possible the *ethnic origin* of the dish.

We hope to use the proceeds from the sale of this **cookbook** to build a kitchen. The second goal of the project is to help encourage Orthodox Families (old and new) to fast during the *prescribed* fast periods of the Church, without the boredome of peanut butter and jelly!

This **cookbook** will be for sale approximatewly January 1, 1996. Please send recipes/inquiries about sales to:

Dee Pluta
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FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

Remember that the first Sunday of the month is when we are supposed to bring *food* items for the Hungary. Mary Loukas is in charge of this program and we have received several thank yous (see bulletin board)

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Almighty Master, Physician of Souls and Bodies, Who makes us humble and Who raises us up, Who cleans and heals. Do Thou visit, with Thy mercy, these ailing Servants. Stretch forth Thine arm that is full of health and healing, and heal them, raising them from their beds and infirmity. Restrain the spirit of weakness, cast off from them every soreness, every ailment, every wound, every fever and seizure. And if they have iniquities or transgressions, loose, remit and forgive them for the sake of Thy love towards mankind. Yea, O Lord, pity Thy creatures, through Christ Jesus our Lord, with whom Thou are blessed into ages of ages. Amen.

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Notes	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
CHOIR PRACTICE EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7 PM CALL ANNA FOR DETAILS 564-6999	ELEVENTH ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL CHICAGO/1994 *Gathered in Community...* *Our thoughts and our labors as fellow-workers in the Church must be fully dedicated to the support and strengthening of Christian community within our parishes. No one—not bishops, not priests or deacons, not laymen or laywomen—must be left harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. We must support and sustain one another, challenge and engage one another, in looking to Christ as our shepherd. We must search together for the Christ-like way to lead and follow, to serve and to be served, to love and to be loved.* –Metropolitan Theodosius		
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, MICHAEL SPAINHOWARD WILL BE ORDAINED TO THE DIACONATE AT HOLY VIRGIN MARY CATHEDRAL IN LA	3 Prophet Sophias 9 AM LITURGY	4 Great Martyr Barbara St John of Damascus	5 St Sabbas the Sanctified 7 PM VESPERS
	10 9 AM LITURGY	11	12 6:30 PM PARISH COUNCIL
AN ORDINATION RECEPTION WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, DEC. 17 AT OUR CHURCH AFTER LITURGY	17 Sunday of the Holy Forefathers 9 AM LITURGY	18 6:30 PM WOMEN"S GUILD MEETING	19
	24 Eve of the Nativity (fast day) Sunday of the Holy Fathers St Eugenia 9 AM LITURGY 6 PM VIGIL	25 The Nativity of Our Lord 9 AM LITURGY	26 Synaxis of the Holy Theotokos St Joseph & David the King 9 AM LITURGY High School & College Youth Christmas Retreat St Vladimir's Seminary Crestwood, NY, December 26-29
	31 St Melania 9 AM LITURGY NEW YEAR'S EVE		BOXING DAY (Canada)

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6 St Nicholas of Myra 7 AM LITURGY 7 PM ADULT CLASS	**7** St Ambrose of Milan	**8**	**9** Conception of the Holy Theotokos by St Anna 5 PM VESPERS
13 St Herman of Alaska, 1837 7 PM ADULT CLASS	**14** Repose of Archbishop Kipnan (Borisevich), 1980	**15**	**16** Prophet Haggai 5 PM VESPERS
20 Great Martyr Ignatius of Antioch Repose of St John of Kronstadt 7 PM ADULT CLASS	**21**	**22** Great Martyr Anastasia 7 AM ROYAL HOURS	**23** St Nahum, Enlightener of the Bulgarians 5 PM VESPERS
27 Protomartyr Stephen 9 AM LITURGY	**28** 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia	**29** St James, the Brother of Our Lord The Holy Innocents Youth Rally Reunion, Diocese of New England December 29-31	**30** 5 PM VESPERS

HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maria B. Abraham	12/31
Clinton Scott Anderson	12/18
Grant David Anderson	12/21
Jenny Lynn Anderson	12/14
William Bauer	12/19
Susan Blonsky	12/6
Jennifer Samantha Butch	12/23
James Cabell	12/22
Nikki Cabell	12/2
Alyssa Lauren Chapman	12/10
Jeffrey Dawkins	12/18
Gordana (Jordan) Duke	12/31
Natalie Marie Eddy	12/11
Janna Fields	12/14
Cindy Franzi	12/13
Michael Garrot	12/15
Michael Gialketsis	12/19
R. Samuel Hilliard	12/30
Michael Graham Hoffman	12/20
Elizabeth Hoover	12/16
Audrey Janise	12/15
Elena Jarlson	12/3
W. Nicholas Jarlson	12/21
Olivia S. King	12/11
Zinca Kostin	12/25
Dina Lowe	12/16
Anita A. Maresca	12/12
Kyle Mirich	12/24
Brenda Moore	12/26
Glenn Pontsler	12/28
Alex Primaky	12/24
Jessica Terro Primaky	12/9
Phillip Primaky	12/10
Norene Rajsich	12/7
Fr. C. J. Raptis	12/22
Wolede Selasse Robso	12/24
Michael Settlemyre	12/29
Katherine S. Taylor	12/8
Susan Christina Tewolde	12/9
Marian Van Benthem	12/11
Gregory Wadhams	12/25
Theresa Wilkinson	12/24
Melody A.D. Woldomariam	12/13

St. Augustine (354-430 A.D.):

Advice from St. Ambrose on Differing Local Customs

St. Ambrose of Milan

St. Augustine of Hippo

"When my mother, who had followed me to Milan, found that the Church there did not fast on Saturday she began to be anxious and was uncertain what she ought to do. At that time such things meant nothing to me, but for her sake I consulted on this matter with Ambrose, that man of most blessed memory. He replied that he could teach me nothing but what he did himself since, if he knew anything better, he would be doing it. When I supposed that he wanted to impose his views on us solely by his own authority and without giving any reason for them, he continued and said to me: 'When I am in Rome, I fast on Saturday; but here I do not. If you do not want to scandalize or be scandalized, follow the custom of whatever church you attend.' When I told this to my mother she was glad to accept it. I recall this advice again and again and always esteem it as something given by a heavenly oracle. I am often grieved and dismayed that the weak are so much disturbed by the obstinate aggressiveness or superstitious fears of certain of the brethren who stir up controversial questions and will accept nothing as proper except that which is their own custom. There are things of a kind that are not prescribed by the authority of Scripture nor by the tradition of the universal Church, and they serve no good purpose for the amending of one's life, but are insisted upon simply because someone thinks up a reason for them or because someone was accustomed to such in his own country or because on a pilgrimage somewhere he saw them done and thought they must be more correct because they were quite unlike his own customs."

Letter to Januarius (c. 400 A.D.), (The Faith of the Early Fathers, III, The Liturgical Press, 1978)

WORTH A LAUGH

THE MINISTER of a church in Florida was asked how many people his church could sleep in case of a hurricane.

"On Sunday morning," he replied, "we sleep about 200!"

—*Tom Jermyn,*
Church of the Transfiguration
Mountain Grove
in The West Missouri Spirit

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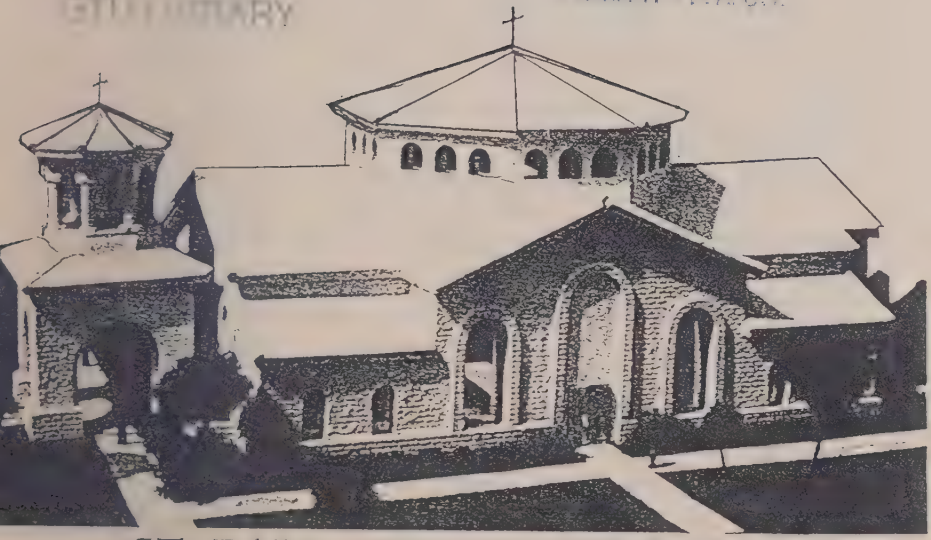

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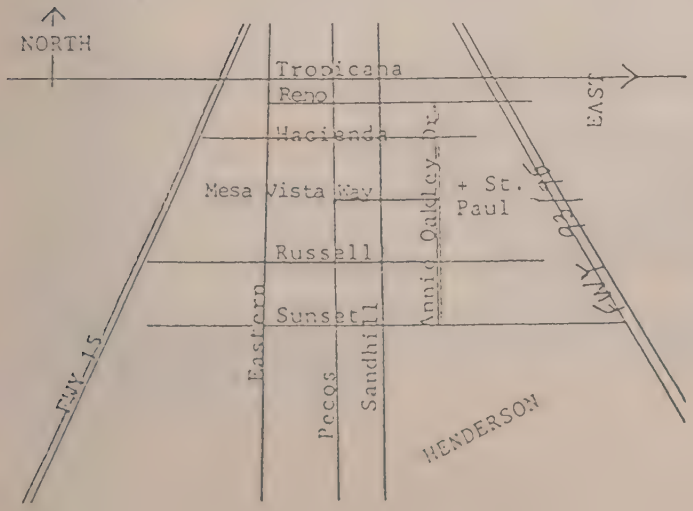

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from the desk of *Father Nicholas...*

Dear Faithful,

I don't know about you, but surely you are feeling as I about the new Church. It is still incomprehensible to think that we are in that wonderful, magnificent building. Wouldn't it be great if we were worthy of this? Every week there is something new and more beautiful in the enhancing of the Church and surrounding area.

Next, the ***icon screen***, the plans which will be unveiled at the Church Name Day Liturgy, Sunday, July 2,1995. These plans are exceptional and when you see you how wonderful this *screen* will look will again cause amazement. Of course you are being asked to *donate* icons and all of those particulars are in this newsletter, too.

Just yesterday I received a call from Michael Breck ,representing the *St. Vladimir Seminary Octet.* It appears they had a cancellation and on short notice wanted to know if we could or would be interested in hosting them on June 30th for vespers. And of course, I thought that would be good for us and for them to see our Church and meet some of our people. As usual they will have their *bookstore*, so if you need or are looking for something special, this will be the time.

That very next Sunday (July 2) is our Church Name Day and *Parish Appreciation.* We will have the *cutting of the kolach and blessing of koliva* after Divine Liturgy and then a dinner in the *community center.* This dinner is a *free will offering.*

The summer months will not be *quiet.* We will be preparing for Church Camp (August 13-16) and the upcoming *Church School Program* to begin in September. This year those classes will be held after liturgy every Sunday. I am encouraged to believe that we will have 50 plus children on a regular Sunday basis. Remember: **Building for our Youth.**

Sunday, July 9th our former parishioner and now *rector* of Holy Dormition Church in Calhan, Colorado, Father Nicholas Dotson will be visiting with his Matushka, Kedron and children Nicholas and Rebecca. We are looking forward to the visit on a Sunday when it will have an opportunity to visit.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Church and will start to make my calls checking on *absences.*

In His Love,

Father Nicholas

PROPOSED ICON SCREEN

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Vladimir Krassovsky
Iconographer

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ST. STEPHEN THE ARCHDEACON	1500.00
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STS SIMEON AND SAVA	2100.00
ST. NICHOLAS	1500.00
SYNAXIS OF AMERICAN SAINTS	4000.00

(THESE ICONS ARE APPROXIMATELY 27" X 60")

THE ROYAL DOORS

ARCHANGEL GABRIEL	500.00
THEOTOKOS	500.00
ST. MATTHEW	500.00
ST. MARK	500.00
ST. LUKE	500.00
ST. JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN	500.00
ICON OF THE MYSTICAL SUPPER	4000.00

(This icon is approximately 26" x 42")

14 FESTAL ICONS ARE EACH $ 1200.00

NATIVITY OF THEOTOKOS	*ENTRY INTO TEMPLE*
ANNUNCIATION	*NATIVITY OF CHRIST*
MEETING OF LORD	*THEOPHANY*
TRANSFIGURATION	*ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM*
CRUCIFIXION	*RESURRECTION*
ASCENSION	*DESCENT OF HOLY SPIRIT*
DORMITION	*ELEVATION OF CROSS*

(These icons are approximately 18" x 27")

THESE ICONS CAN BE PURCHASED FOR THE CHURCH BY INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, GROUPS OF FAMILIES OR ANY OTHER COMBINATIONS.
WE WILL PLAN TO HAVE THE LOWER *TIER* OR LARGE ICONS FINISHED FIRST. WE WILL THEN PROCEED WITH THE *ROYAL DOORS, MYSTICAL SUPPER AND FESTAL ICONS.*
BEFORE WE CAN *COMMISSION* FOR AN ICON WE MUST HAVE THE MONEY. YOU ARE WELCOME TO BEGIN MAKING PAYMENTS SO THAT THE FIRST GROUP CAN BE IN PLACE BY NOVEMBER 1,1995.

PLEASE SEE FATHER NICHOLAS IF YOU ARE INTERESTED. THE ICON SCREEN IS THE *FOCAL POINT* OF THE CHURCH AS YOU ENTER. IT MUST BE BEAUTIFUL AND MUST BE THE BEST.

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FATHER NICHOLAS WILL BE IN CHICAGO JULY 17-21 FOR THE ALL AMERICAN COUNCIL	SIXTH ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL DETROIT/1980 *Orthodoxy, America, and the Future . . .* *Today, spiritual renewal is the question at the very heart of life. But spiritual renewal, ascetic discipline, the struggle to acquire the Holy Spirit these things cannot be voted upon or legislated. If, within this present Council, we can, each of us, hear the call to holiness, to holy sobriety, to assume the Way of the Cross—and begin to respond, then, truly, this Council will have been "successful," and we will have touched upon "Orthodoxy, America, and the Future."* —Metropolitan Theodosius		
	2 9 AM LITURGY St Andrew's Camp, Jewell, NY July 2-August 12	3	4 St Andrew of Crete St Andrew (Rublev) Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage Diocese of the West, Fort Ross, CA INDEPENDENCE DAY (USA)
CHURCH CAMP AUG. 13-16 LEE CANYON	9 9 AM LITURGY Camp Vatra for Juniors Vatra Romaneasca, Grass Lake, MI July 9-22	10 St Anthony of the Kievan Caves Yukon Conference, Diocese of Alaska Pitka's Point, AK, July 10-12	11 St Olga 6:30 PM PARISH COUNC
	16 9 AM LITURGY Camp Oo'Appelle, Ft Q'Appelle, SK July 16-26 FROC Ohio District Camp July 16-22	17 Great Martyr Marina (Margaret)	18
	ELEVENTH ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL, "GATHERED IN COMMUNITY"		
	23 9 AM LITURGY	24 Ss Boris & Gleb	25 Dormition of the Righteous Anna, Mother of the Holy Theotokos
	30 9 AM LITURGY Camp Vatra for Seniors Vatra Romaneasca, Grass Lake, MI July 30-August 12	31 Kuskokwim Conference, Diocese of Alaska July 31-August 2 St Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery and Orphanage, opened, 1905	St Vladimir's Youth Camp Ohgonut, AK, July 25-29

CONSECRATION PORTRAIT AND VIDEO TAPES NOW AVAILABLE

PORTRAIT-

This is a group color photo taken just after the consecration, in front of the church. It is 11 x 14 inches in size and is a top quality custom print professionally taken with 4x5 film and produced on hand enlargers with a litho overlay title stating "**St. Paul Orthodox Church Consecration May 13, 1995**", in hand printing. If you were at the consecration, you probably appear in this photograph. Use the order blank below to purchase one for the nominal price of only $ 15.00, US postage and handling included.

VIDEO TAPES-

Jim Suter has just completed the filming and editing of the consecration videos. The final product is a set of two (2) video tapes depicting the entire Consecration, Hierarchical Liturgy and Consecration Banquet. If you were present at the Church Consecration or the Consecration Banquet, you probably appear on one or both of the tapes. The tapes are in brilliant color with sound, to include the super sound of St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral Choir, ready to play on your VCR. If you missed the consecration or the banquet, you can still experience the thrill of being there through these wonderful tapes. Use the order blank below to purchase the complete set of two (2) tapes for the nominal price of only $ 32.00 , US postage and handling is included.

ALL PROFIT FROM THE SALE OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEO TAPES WILL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY TO FINISH OUR CHURCH ICON SCREEN

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#_____ color VIDEO sets at the price of $32.00 ea. for a total of $_____.

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5 Glorification of St Sergius of Radonezh Lesser Synod Meeting, Oyster Bay Cove, NY	6	7 7 PM CHOIR PRACTICE	8 5 PM VESPERS FROC Ir Olympics, July 8-15
12	13 Seniors' Day Diocese of Western Pennsylvania	14 7 PM VESPERS	15 St Vladimir 9 AM LITURGY 5 PM VESPERS
19 St Macrina St Seraphim of Sarov	20 Prophet Elias	21 Prophet Ezekiel 7 PM CHOIR PRACTICE	22 St Mary Magdalene 5 PM VESPERS
CHICAGO MARRIOTT, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, JULY 16-21			
26 St Paraskeva St Jacob (Netsvetov), Enlightener of the Peoples of Alaska, 1864	27 St Panteleimon	28 Icon of Our Lady of Smolensk 7 PM CHOIR PRACTICE	29 5 PM VESPERS

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PARISH APPRECIATION DAY and SLAVA-NAME DAY DINNER

SUNDAY, JULY 2, 1995

* 9 am Divine Litergy, to honor our patron St. Paul the Apostle
* Dinner follows immediately.
* Come worship; then enjoy the fellowship of your Church family.

YOUR GENEROUS FREE-WILL OFFERING WILL GO INTO THE ST. PAUL BUILDING FUND.

HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Theresa (Tere) Anderson	7/6
Asmeret D. Asghedom	7/11
Haben D. Asghedom	7/15
Marlene Bauer	7/17
Voss Boreta	7/9
Ann C. Boris	7/4
Samantha Campbell	7/21
Jason Ferrari	7/22
Tomas Fischa	7/9
Patrick Flanagan	7/21
Steve Gialketsis	7/15
Stanley Gilovich	7/14
David Hetzel	7/10
Solomon Kebede	7/25
Christopher Larson	7/29
Paul Lowe	7/31
Fr. Timothy Lowe	7/5
Loukia Manos	7/13
Robert McPherson, Jr.	7/21
Pearl Miller	7/12
Marin Milosevic	7/20
Carlos Ocampo	7/23
Bobby Paul	7/13
Mira Pontsler	7/28
Athena Rodis	7/30
Dimitri Rodis	7/11
Stella Rosich	7/25
Ronald Sufana, Jr.	7/23
David Tadesse	7/29
George Vlamis	7/25
James Wadhams	7/16
Michael James Watts	7/16

St. Vladimir Seminary OCTET *to Visit St. Paul's*

JUNE 30, 1995

Friday evening vespers 7:00 p.m.
Liturgical Concert Immediately afterwards
Seminary Bookstore Available

We need ***housing*** *for the eight students.*
Families interested see or call Father.

We have hosted the seminary choir in the past and have never been disappointed. Please plan to attend and *invite* others so that they may have an experience with *Orthodox worship and spirituality.*

DELATED THANK YOU

FROM FATHER NICHOLAS

I MUST APOLOGIZE FOR BEING SO THOUGHTLESS IN YOUR MANY KINDNESSES THIS LAST APRIL FOR MY BIRTHDAY. I GUESS THAT WHEN A PERSON GETS TO 40 HE MAY FORGET MORE EASILY. I HAVE NOW REACHED THAT POINT OR MARK IN MY LIFE.
YOU WERE, AS ALWAYS, EXTREMELY GENEROUS. FROM THE MONIES COLLECTED I PURCHASED:
1) A WONDERFUL ESPRESSO MACHINE (FOR MOCHAS)
2) A VERY USEFUL LEATHER BRIEFCASE
3) A PJ 200EX PRINTER FOR MY COMPUTER

AGAIN, THANK YOU

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Almighty Master, Physician of Souls and Bodies, Who makes us humble and Who raises us up, Who cleans and heals. Do Thou visit, with Thy mercy, these ailing Servants. Stretch forth Thine arm that is full of health and healing, and heal them, raising them from their beds and infirmity. Restrain the spirit of weakness, cast off from them every soreness, every ailment, every wound, every fever and seizure. And if they have iniquities or transgressions, loose, remit and forgive them for the sake of Thy love towards mankind. Yea, O Lord, pity Thy creatures, through Christ Jesus our Lord, with whom Thou are blessed into ages of ages. Amen.

Albert Abdoulah
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Dijana Drexler
Kevin Gagliardi
Eva Hartley
Nicholas Manteris
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Evangeline Mezilson
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Anastasia Stefanatos
Henry Van Benthem

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SOCIAL OUTREACH

Our parish is going to begin collecting *non -perishable* food items for distribution to the needy.
Mary Loukas will be our person who will take the items to:
the Lutheran Social Ministry
week-end emergency
assistance program.

Please bring: non-perishables such as canned meats, soups, peanut butter, beans, pasta and rice. Also, diapers, formula and baby food.

The First Sunday of the Month
Questions or information call Mary Loukas 254-0523

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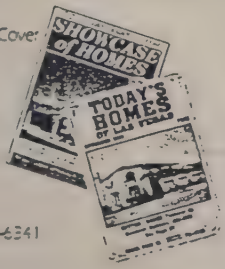

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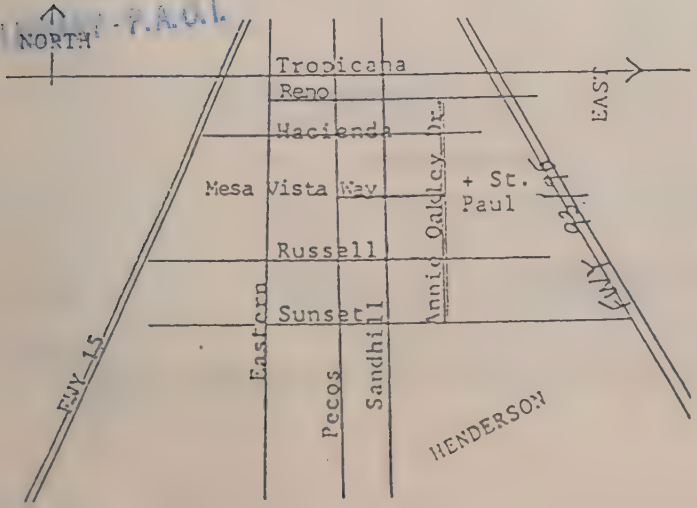

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From the desk of *Father Nicholas...*

Christ is in our Midst!

Dear Faithful,

Where is the summer going? I know that I can't be getting older but the days are sure getting shorter. Already August and we are preparing for Church camp the 13-16. I am optimistic and hopeful to have 50 campers plus adults. No excuse for parents not sending their kids or even better coming with them.

Aren't the plans for the **icon screen** wonderful. Most of the icons were committed before the monthly bulletin went out. The only one remaining is the *Synaxis of American Saints*. You can check the info out on this icon on the next page. We are so blessed to have these contemporary and American saints. It really means the Church here in America is coming of age.

I have been on the road again, allot and I appreciate your consideration in my absence. There is so much to do in the Church and not enough workers so most of us have to carry the extra weight. I don't mind but sure like coming home after all these trips.

The week in Chicago for the *All American Council* (sabor, sobor, clergy-laity) was a nice time especially to see so many old friends. Nothing really earth shaking and no increases in assessments which are usually the concern .

From Chicago I came home for one night and then left last Saturday for Seattle for the consecration of St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church. I started that mission in December 1986 and returning as the *founding priest* was a joy. In addition I got to serve with Bishop Jovan a classmate from those years in Yugoslavia. The parish bought an existing two story building with a nice sized chapel on the second floor with classrooms and a nice community center on the first floor. There is a house on the property which they rent out and about 3-4 acres. It is in a very lush wooded area east of Seattle proper.

Now I'm home for awhile working on getting the parking lot sealed and stripped. We have to wait 30 days before we do this so the asphalt can *cure*.

Even with all the waiting we do to get things done it is great to be a part of St. Paul's.

Blessings,

Fr. Nicholas

ICON SCREEN UPDATE

ALL the icons are committed with the exception of the **Synaxis of American Saints.** This icon has 11 saints and can each be donated rather than one family donating the entire $4000.00. These saints are listed below and can be donated for $375.00 each.They are:

ST. HERMAN OF ALASKA: He is the first American saint and came to this country, Alaska ,in 1794. He was a monk .

ST. JUVENAL: a priest-monk who also was part of that first group of missionaries from Russia. He was martyred.

ST. PETER the ALEUT: the first native martyr, killed in San Francisco.

ST. INNOCENT: Metropolitan of Moscow, missionary to America.

ST. TIKHON: Archbishop in America during the end of 19th and beginning of 20th century. The only Orthodox bishop in the beginning of his time here. He was elected Patriarch of Moscow and died in prison.

ST. NIKOLAI of ZICA and SOUTH CANAAN: a Serbian bishop who was in prison in Dachau, came to America and died at St. Tikhon's monastery.

ST. JOHN (MAXIMOVICH): Archbishop of Shanghai and San Francisco, canonized a saint last year

ST. ALEXIS of Wilkes Barre brought thousands of Byzantine rite people back to the Orthodox Church in Minneapolis.

ST. JACOB of Alaska, a priest, canonized last year.

ST. JOHN . a priest who was a missionary in this country at turn of the century, died in Russia as a martyr, canonized last year.

ST. ALEXANDER (HOROTOVSKY) priest martyr and missionary in America in early 1900's.

More information concerning these saints can be obtained from Father Nicholas. It is important for us to know our America Saints who lived and died for the faith and who labored here.

What Is The Matter With Mrs. Craig?

It was recently reported in the Nashville Banner that Mrs. Lila Craig, age 81, hasn't missed church in the past 1,040 Sundays. She has a perfect record for over 20 years. This raises a serious question: "What is the matter with Mrs. Craig?"

Doesn't Mrs. Craig ever have company on Sunday to keep her away from church?
Doesn't she ever go anywhere on Saturday night to keep her away from church?
Doesn't she ever have colds, headaches, tired feelings, or any other trouble?
Doesn't she ever sleep late on Sunday mornings?
Doesn't she ever read the Sunday paper?
Doesn't it ever rain or snow on Sunday where she lives?
Doesn't she ever get her feelings hurt by someone at church?
Doesn't she have any social life at all that would give her something else to do than just come to church and worship God?

Could it be that she simply loves God and his Church and that she attends the services faithfully out of gratitude for what God has done for her in Jesus Christ?

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Very Rev. Nichol

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

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COMING EVENTS * *	July S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	September S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	1 Procession of the Holy Cross Dormition Fast begins 6:30 pm PARISH COUNCIL CIVIC HOLIDAY (Canada)
CHURCH CAMP AUG 13-16	6 Transfiguration of Our Lord 9 am LITURGY St Mary's Camp/Minneapolis Deanery August 6-12 Can-Am Camp, Roblin, MB, Juniors, August 6-12, Seniors, August 13-20	7 St Peter the Aleut Camp, Junior/Senior Moose Lake, AB, August 7-13 St Herman's Pilgrimage, Diocese of Alaska Kodiak/Spruce Island, AK, August 7-9	8 7 pm VESPERS
CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS SEPT 10	13 St Tikhon of Zadonsk 9 am LITURGY Monastic Conference Monastery of St Tikhon of Zadonsk South Canaan, PA, August 13-17 * * CAMP * * New England Youth Rally, Cumberland, RI August 13-20 Patronal Feast Day Monastery of St Tikhon of Zadonsk, St Tikhon's Seminary, South Canaan, PA	14 Prophet Micah * * CAMP * * Teen Week, St Andrew's Camp, Jewell, NY August 13-19 Q'Amp Qu'Appelle Youth Camp Ft Qu'Appelle, SK, August 14-25 Patronal Feast Pilgrimage Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery Rives Junction, MI, August 14-15	15 Dormition of the Holy Theotokos 8 am LITURGY AT CAMP * * CAMP * * Holy Trinity Camp, Portland, OR August 14-19
CHOIR PRACTICE HAS MOVED TO WEDNESDAYS AT 7 PM	20 Prophet Samuel 9 am LITURGY	21	22
ADULT CLASSES			
SATURDAYS AFTER VESPERS	27 9 am LITURGY Nushagak Conference, Diocese of Alaska August 27-29	28 St Job of Pochaev 7 pm VESPERS	29 Beheading of St John the Baptist (strict fast) 7 am LITURGY

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2 7 pm CHOIR 5th International Youth Exchange Western and Eastern Europe, August 2-16	3	4	5 5 pm VESPERS CLASS FOLLOWING Holy Transfiguration Monastery Ellwood City, PA, August 5-6
9 Glorification of St Herman of Alaska, 1970 Apostle Matthias 7 am LITURGY 7 pm CHOIR St Juvenal's Camp Old Nonbarton Village, AK, August 9-11	10 Great Martyr Lawrence	11	12 5 pm VESPERS CLASS FOLLOWING Diocesan Assembly Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania South Canaan, PA
16 Icon of Our Lord, "Not Made by Hands" * * CAMP * * NO CHOIR	17 National Conference, AROY, August 17-20 Archimandrite Sebastian (Dabovich) appointed first head of the Serbian Mission, 1905	18	19 5 pm VESPERS CLASS FOLLOWING Diocese of Western Pennsylvania Diocesan Day
23 7 pm CHOIR	24 St Kosma of Aetol, Evangelizer of Southern Albania	25	26 5 pm VESPERS CLASS FOLLOWING
30 St Alexander of the Neva 7 pm CHOIR Holy Protection Monastery, first monastery for women in North America, consecrated and Father Alexis Orphanage opened, Springfield, VT, 1915	31 St Cyprian of Carthage Pan-Orthodox Mission & Evangelism Conference, Ligonier, PA Fall Semester Registration St Tikhon's Seminary, South Canaan, PA	SEVENTH ALL AMERICAN COUNCIL PHILADELPHIA, 1977 *Church Growth* *The two conditions that must be met if we are to bear fruit in mission and evangelism are these: we must dwell in Christ as He dwells in us, and we must bear one another's burdens, thus fulfilling Christ's law of love. All aspects of our life and work as members of the Church must be fully submitted to these conditions, these commands, for any departure from the narrow way of the Gospel leads to spiritual disaster.* Metropolitan Theodosius	

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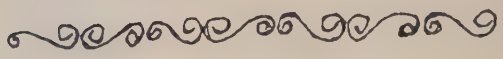

HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Davana D. Asghedom	8/27	Marteen Moore	8/17
Anne Anas	8/19	Kevin Morgenstern	8/11
Salome Anastasia Asega	8/8	Xenia Ocampo	8/19
Robert Eddy	8/17	Andrew Pluta	8/22
Zachary Franzi	8/19	Dee Ann Pluta	8/16
Elaine Athens Garrison	8/15	Deborah Pontsler Milic	8/5
Edward Grudzina	8/29	Eugene Primaky	8/8
Christine Hamilton	8/9	Ana Razavi	8/15
Alexis Charlene Herman	8/24	Robert L. Rogots	8/16
Joanne Stefanatos Hetzel	8/26	Barbara St. John	8/25
Aaron Holbrook	8/8	Mary Schmidt	8/9
Mac Hoover	8/28	Stephanie Settlemyre	8/15
Kendra Ilyinsky	8/5	Michael T. Spainhoward	8/6
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Alexander George Loukas	8/23	Colleen Sufana	8/3
James Loukas	8/2	James E. Suter	8/10
Shoshanna Lowe	8/18	Daniel A. Woldomariam	8/16
Bobby Paul, Jr.	8/9	Mildred Yalich	8/10
Christian Tyler E. Moore	8/13		

SPIRITUAL GARDENING

First
Plant four rows of peas
Presence,
Promptness,
Preparedness,
Perseverance

Second
Plant three rows of squash
Squash gossip
Squash criticism
Squash indifference

Third
Plant five rows of lettuce
Let us be faithful to duty
Let us be loyal and unselfish
Let us be true to our obligations
Let us obey rules and regulations
Let us love one another

Finally, no garden is complete without turnips
Turn up at meetings
Turn up with a smile
Turn up with determination and make everything count for something good and worthwhile

—*Sue Hook in Hythe Parish, Kent, England*

"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."
—*Thomas A. Edison*

Proper Attire in Church At no time should anyone be wearing shorts, tight-fitting clothing, or T-shirts with catchy slogans or loud designs to Church. Women should wear dresses or skirts if they have them, and men who own slacks should wear them instead of jeans. Though it is better for a woman to pray with her head covered, men are not allowed to cover theirs. If possible, hard-soled or leather shoes should be worn instead of tennis shoes (especially when serving behind the altar). *The rule to keep in mind when determining how to dress for Church is this:* When presenting yourself before a King, namely the King of Glory, choose the best you have -- but avoid anything that would draw attention off the King and on Yourself!

Reprinted from St. Ann Mission Newsletter, 7-95.

"You picked the wrong religion, period. I'm not going to argue about it."

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PRAYER FOR THE SICK

ALMIGHTY MASTER, PHYSICIAN OF SOULS AND BODIES, WHO MAKES US HUMBLE AND WHO RAISES US UP, WHO CLEANS AND HEALS. DO THOU VISIT, WITH THY MERCY, THESE AILING SERVANTS. STRETCH FORTH THINE ARM THAT IS FULL OF HEALTH AND HEALING, AND HEAL THEM, RAISING THEM FROM THEIR BEDS AND INFIRMITY. RESTRAIN THE SPIRIT OF WEAKNESS, CAST OFF FROM THEM EVERY SORENESS, EVERY AILMENT, EVERY WOUND, EVERY FEVER AND SEIZURE. AND IF THEY HAVE INIQUITIES OR TRANSGRESSIONS, LOOSE, REMIT AND FORGIVE THEM FOR THE SAKE OF THY LOVE TOWARDS MANKIND. YEA, O LORD, PITY THY CREATURES, THROUGH CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD, WITH WHOM THOU ARE BLESSED INTO AGES OF AGES. AMEN.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

FATHER JAMES McLUCKIE

FATHER CONSTANTINE RAPTIS

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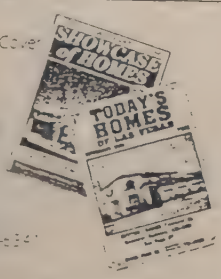

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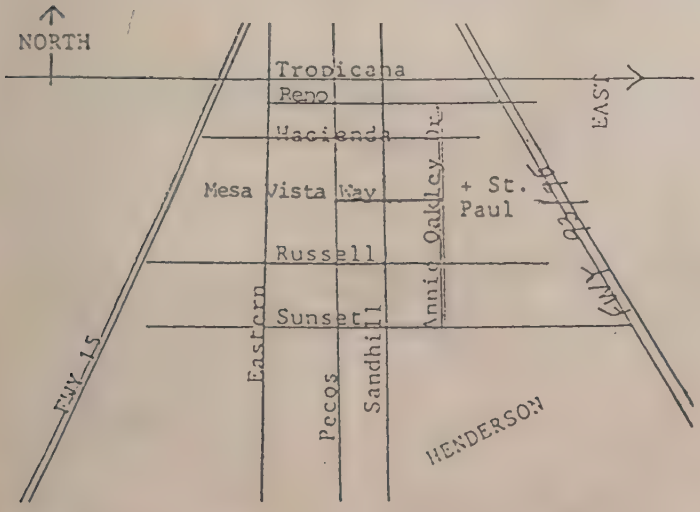

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THEODOSIUS
Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

September 1, 1995

TO THE VENERABLE HIERARCHS, REVEREND CLERGY, MONASTICS AND FAITHFUL OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA

Dearly beloved,

I greet you in the name of the Lord as we enter the new ecclesiastical year. For many of our parishes September marks the return to a more intense rhythm of community life. Yet this intensified rhythm does not always include a deeper immersion into the liturgical life of the Church. If the ecclesiastical new year is to have any significance for the Church in America, if it is to truly initiate the parish community into the joy and beauty of God's Kingdom, then there must be an ongoing rhythm of corporate liturgical prayer.

During the past summer I had the joy of seeing and speaking with many of you at the All-American Council in Chicago. The discussions and deliberations which ensued from the theme "Gathered in Community" have helped to chart a course for our Church during the next three years. But let us remember that any course taken by the Church must be guided by the rudder of prayer. For this reason I am encouraging all of our parishes to perceive themselves first and foremost as centers of liturgical worship. I am stressing this because it is through liturgical worship that the Church brings us into the mystery of God's Kingdom.

We must also remember that when a parish community is rooted in an authentic and therefore sound liturgical life it is able to draw others into new life. Given the spiritual instability of our culture and the corresponding quest for the True and Living God, the services of the Church are able to transform our parishes into evangelical communities. A community rooted in prayer - a community that has worship as its foundation and impetus -- is a parish that will be faithful to the living evangelical tradition of the Orthodox Church. Without worship, no book, no lecture, no study group is able to satisfy the restless and thirsty soul seeking communion with the Triune God.

Dearly beloved, the Church now enters a new ecclesiastical year. As the Church celebrating 25 years of autocephaly in North America, let us continue to make every effort to enter into the great mystery of the liturgical life of the Orthodox Church. Finally, let us be generous with the gift of Eternal Life so that our Church sojourning in North America may share this Life with all who yearn for it.

With love in Christ,

+ Theodosius

+THEODOSIUS
Archbishop of Washington
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from the desk of the *Archimandrite*

My dear and faithful stewards,

Christ is in our Midst!

The term *steward* obviously is for a reason. Our Church talks about the members paying *stewardship* which is synonymous with pledging or even if we stretch it, paying dues. I think that we need to look at this word and action as we have been using it since the inception of St. Paul,i.e., **time, talent** and **treasure.**

This letter isn't going to be some profound explanation of terms nor is it going to be a scriptural quotation of why we should give. Rather it is going to come right to the point- **what am I giving to my Church?**

This last Sunday the ***stewardship drive*** began. It will continue until we have gotten a commitment from all our members to give from their treasures to that of the Church.

You will be getting a letter and some corresponding information as to what our financial needs are at St. Paul and what we want to be able to do with an increased stewardship in terms of *treasure.*

From the very beginning, we have exceeded the goals we have set for ourselves. In terms of property, we said that 2.5 acres would be enough and almost doubled that. A smaller Church building would have been *okay* but the big one is sure nice and filling up, too.

This letter and all the information you will be receiving also is a little *pie in the sky* but we have to think big to be big.

Our Church camp this year was the best attended yet, 54 kids and many of our regulars who couldn't attend. Now Church School starts on the 10th of September and I hope and pray that we meet the goal of 70 Church school students every week. There is a very nice article in the newsletter that was reprinted from our Church bulletin of September 1990. It means the same today as it did five years ago.

Let's move toward being a parish that is fully supported, financially , by her members. Keep an open mind and open heart and your Church, too, will prosper.

With Blessings,

Fr. Michael

OUR DREAM FOR THE CHURCH

We, the youth and young adult observers of the 11th All American Council (Chicago, 7/16-22/95) and members of the Orthodox Church of America, representing 21 parishes and 7 dioceses, have a dream for our Church.

We would like a united Church with an identity reflecting Orthodox life in America.

A Church that is growing where all are welcome;
A Church that is humble and whose members live and pray in harmony;
A Church whose members know about and are prepared to explain our Faith;
A Church whose members reach out to the community;
A Church that is understanding of and compassionate towards the problems of modern life;
A Church where everyone is seen as equal in the eyes of God;
A Church where sin is condemned, and not the sinner;
A Church that is true to her liturgical traditions;
A Church that works toward the unity of its people where various traditions are respected;
A Church where both old and new ideas are considered and respected;
A Church that worships in a language the people understand;
A Church where both adults and kids learn;
A Church where youth have something to say and are heard;
A Church where worship continues in daily life;
A Church where laity and clergy work together within their own church and among area churches;
A Church where diocesan parishes have love for each other;
A Church that is opened to newcomers and converts;
A Church that is known to the world by its works and witness to the Gospel;
A Church that perseveres in the face of struggle;
A Church whose main goal is seeking salvation; and
A Church whose members are thankful for their Orthodox Faith.

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CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS SEPT. 10	EIGHTH ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL WASHINGTON, DC/1986 *Evangelization . . .* *We are looking for the best ways to work together in the fulfillment of Jesus Christ's command to "Go . . . make disciples . . . baptize . . . teach." We are laboring together because God and His people want more than themes of Church Growth and Evangelization from us. God and His people want from us pastoral care, service to the poor and suffering, clarity and compassion in our moral witness, materials and programs, meaningful liturgical worship—all as living expressions of a Church called to grow, a Church called to evangelize.* —Metropolitan Theodosius		
AND IS EVERY SUNDAY AFTER LITURGY	**3** 9 AM LITURGY	**4** LABOUR DAY (Canada) LABOR DAY (USA)	**5**
* * * ADULT CLASSES ARE AFTER VESPERS ON SATURDAY AFTERNOONS	**10** 9 AM LITURGY CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS GRANDPARENT'S DAY (USA)	**11**	**12** 6:30 PM PARISH COUNCIL
	17 Martyrs Faith, Hope, Love and their mother, Sophia 9 AM LITURGY CONSTITUTION DAY (USA)	**18** Women's Guild meeting at St. Paul's Church-6;30pm Kay Buchanan-President 228-7378 or 799-4970	**19** St Theodore of Tarsus
	24 Great Martyr Thekla New Martyrs of Alaska —Peter the Aleut & Priestmonk Juvenaly 9 AM LITURGY	**25** St. Sergius of Radonezh Annual Pilgrimage Monastery of St John the Theologian Hiram, OH, September 25-26	**26** St John the Theologian

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6 7 PM CHOIR	**7** 7 PM VESPERS Registration (September 7–8) & Fall Semester begins St Vladimir's Seminary, Crestwood, NY	**8** Nativity of the Holy Theotokos 7 AM LITURGY Patronal Feast Day Pilgrimage Nativity of the Holy Theotokos Church Vatra Romaneasca, Grass Lake, MI	**9** St Theodosius of Chernigov 5 PM VESPERS CLASS FOLLOWS Metropolitan Theodosius' Namesday
13 7 PM VESPERS	**14** Elevation of the Holy Cross (strict fast) 7 AM LITURGY First Orthodox Women's College in North America opened, Brooklyn, NY, 1915	**15** Church Administrative Committee Meeting Oyster Bay Cove, NY	**16** 5 PM VESPERS CLASS FOLLOWS INDEPENDENCE DAY (Mexico)
20 7 PM CHOIR	**21** Late Vocations Program Fall Semester Diocese of Western Pennsylvania Thursdays, September 21–December 7	**22** Prophet Jonah Diocesan Assembly, Diocese of Alaska Kodiak, AK, September 22–24	**23** Conception of St John the Baptist 5 PM VESPERS CLASS FOLLOWS
27 7 PM CHOIR Lesser Synod Meeting, Oyster Bay Cove, NY	**28**	**29** Conference, Orthodox Brotherhood of Canada Dysart, SK, September 29–October 1	**30** St Gregory, the Illuminator of Armenia 5 PM VESPERS CLASS FOLLOWS

What Does It Take To Have A First Class Sunday School?

1. **It takes parents whose attitude is supportive, positive, enthusiastic, cooperative.** With such we are more than half-way home. Without it, the finest teachers and materials are worthless because the children won't be there. An attitude which is casual about attendance and negative about most aspects of the program will only produce children who are skeptical and tentative in their attitude and commitment, even if they do manage to come.

2. **It takes parents who are willing to participate in the adult education program.** Their participation and example says to the children that the two they love and respect the most do not consider themselves too old to learn, too old to grow. Also, it is just possible that through adult education parents may come to learn how to deal more effectively with the needs of their children. Parents are not only the child's first teachers, they should be his best teachers.

3. **It takes parents and children worshipping together as a family.** Worship is never an optional part of the Sunday morning program. In fact, any educational program which ignores, downgrades, or is used as a substitute for participation in liturgy is hardly worthy of the name "Christian." The Eucharist is the chief and central continuing act of Christians, one which creates and renews us individually and as a community.

4. **It takes people who are willing to give of themselves as teachers.** Teachers, not curriculum materials or visual aids, are at the heart of the undertaking and our primary need. Christian education will be just about as good as people want it to be.

St Michael and All Angels, Dallas

Adult Education

WHEN ONE IS DEALING with matters which affect one's eternal destiny, it makes no sense whatever to spend less time on them than is required to get a driver's or pilot's license. The strength of any parish family lies largely in a well-instructed laity. If we do not know what we believe and why we believe it, we won't really know what we're doing or even who we are.

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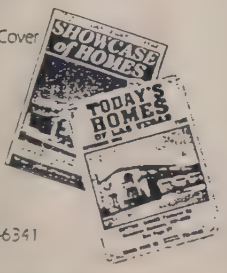

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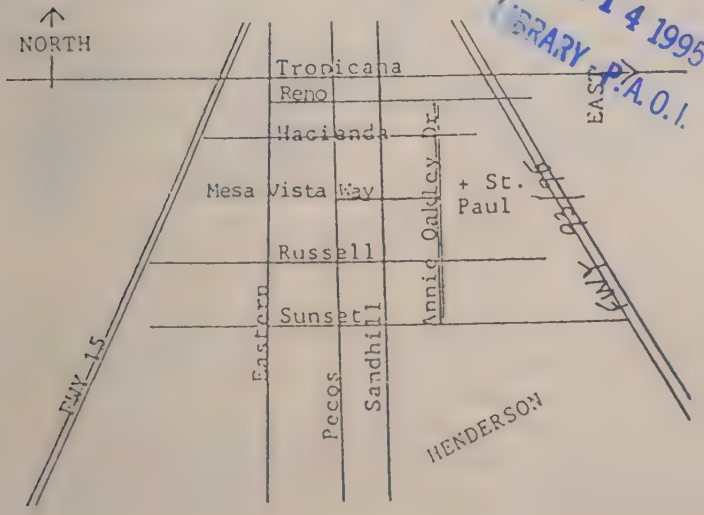

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"...Whom do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers? He said, 'The one who showed mercy on him.' And Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'" Luke 10

Dearly Beloved in the Lord,

There are people in pain and despair tonight, hungry people who do not know where their next meal will come from. There are people tonight who have no one to care for them and may even be tempted to think that even God does not care! How can this be? What is our response?

As Christians we are charged by our Lord to care for both the soul and body of our neighbor. It is not enough for me to say to a hungry person, "I will pray for you," we must also feed him.

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During the Advent season, please make your first gift of the season the gift of yourself. Do good and learn the power of compassion. Lend your hands and your heart to someone who thinks no one cares - and make a generous gift to our annual **OCA Charity Appeal** so that as the Orthodox Church in America we can extend your hands and heart to our neighbors.

Thank you and may the Peace of our Lord be with you.

With love in Christ,

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Archbishop of Washington
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from the desk of...Father Nicholas

Dear Faithful,

Christ is in our Midst!
I am sure that by the time you have gotten this letter you have either been in Church and seen the damage, saw me on television or have heard about it. Now for those of you who haven't heard, we did have some *damage* to the Church. I am not sure that our pride wasn't more damaged than the building but nonetheless some *rascal(s)* managed to shoot three pellets into two windows and threw rock through one of the large ones. This topped off with about a dozen eggs on the Church and Community Center made my day. When I arrived last Sunday morning Michael was walking for the broom and dust pans, both of us were saddened but then, you know, it could have been worse. Oh sure, we have to wait until November 1st for the glass to be installed and the eggs will have to be taken off the walls of the Church but we'll go on doing the best we can.
Some ask, who did it and of course we will probably never know and I don't think that we want to. Channel 13 asked me what I would say to the *culprit(s)* if they were caught and standing in front of me. I took a couple seconds to think and said that I'd want to show them the Church, tell them how precious She is to all of us and how hard we all worked to make it what we see. And then I would hope they would respect that this is **God's House** and is Holy and must be honored.
This will be a nice reflection for how wonderful God has been to us when we celebrate our 7th anniversary on Sunday , November 12th. How easy the world has been on us- no major problems until now.
Thanks to Him.

With Blessings,

Fr. Nicholas

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NOV. 11-12 WE WILL BE HOSTING THE REGIONAL MEETING AT FROC	5 9 am LITURGY	6	7 7 pm VESPERS ELECTION DAY (USA)
ADULT CLASSES EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7 PM AT ST. JOHN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH	12 9 am LITURGY **7TH ANNIVERSARY & DINNER**	13 St John Chrysostom	14 Apostle Philip
	19 Prophet Obadiah 9 am LITURGY	20 Women's Guild Meeting 6:00 p.m. 7 pm VESPERS 1910 REVOLUTION (Mexico)	21 Entrance of the Holy Theotokos into the Temple 7 am LITURGY
	26 St Innocent of Irkutsk 9 am LITURGY OCA CHARITY APPEAL SUNDAY	27 Icon of Our Lady of the Sign	28 First seminary established by St Innocent (Veniaminov), Sitka, AK, 1845

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1 Ss Cosmas & Damian 7 pm CHOIR PRESIDENT'S NATIONAL ADDRESS (Mexico)	2	3	4 5 pm VESPERS
8 Synaxis of Archangel Michael & the Heavenly Hosts 7 am LITURGY 7 pm CHOIR Fall Session of the Metropolitan Council November 8–9	9	10	11 St Theodore of the Studion 5 pm VESPERS Diocesan Assembly, Diocese of Washington Diocesan Assembly Diocese of Western Pennsylvania REMEMBRANCE DAY (Canada) VETERANS DAY (USA)
15 St Paisius (Velichkovsky) Nativity Fast begins 7 pm CHOIR Bishop Nathaniel of Detroit and the Romanian Episcopate, consecrated, 1980	16 Apostle & Evangelist Matthew	17 St Gregory the Wonderworker	18 5 pm VESPERS
22 7 pm CHOIR	23 9 am LITURGY THANKSGIVING DAY, (USA)	24 Great Martyr Catherine Holy Trinity Greco-Russian Church consecrated, New York City, NY 1870	25 St Clement of Ochrid 5 pm VESPERS
29 7 pm CHOIR	30 Apostle Andrew	October S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	December S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Need for Personal Reflection

Each of us should look at these four statements and examine our own consciences as to how they apply to us:

How much time do we spend washing and adorning our bodies — bathing, achieving just the "right" look by fixing our hair and applying the most becoming makeup; spending our money on beauty salons, wardrobes, colognes and jewelry? Yet we give hardly a thought to cleansing our souls by frequently confessing our sins and sincerely trying to keep from tarnishing the image of Christ within us, adorning ourselves with good works.

How hard we work at our play, the hours we spend in the gym or at the tennis courts and golf courses; of course, we do this to keep our bodies in shape, to keep from becoming flabby, to strengthen our hearts. But do we stop to think that while our bodies are becoming firm and healthy, our eternal souls are withering away from want of exercise — reading the scriptures, spending time in prayer, reflecting on our sins, participating in the Sacraments of the Church?

We spend hundreds and thousands of dollars on doctors, sparing no time or money to find the best person to treat us or our loved ones; we carefully follow his prescription for surgery, medications, exercise programs, abstaining from certain foods — whatever it takes to regain and retain our good health. Yet we question and complain about what our priest, the doctor of our souls, prescribes for our salvation. We complain that he expects too much by asking that we come Vespers, Feast Day Liturgies and special services, we cannot possibly stand through an entire service or even stay in church for two or three hours at a time; and we certainly cannot fast from meat and dairy products for an entire forty days! Unfortunately, some of us cannot even keep from eating or drinking (or smoking) long enough to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

We are allowing ourselves to be robbed of eternal salvation for the fleeting pleasures of this world; we are allowing the quest for temporal happiness and temporal life to replace our pursuit of eternal life with God. As Father Alexander Elchaninov writes (**Diary of a Russian Priest**, St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, p. 165), *"Since the beginning of the world men have died; since the beginning of the world it has been well enough known that all earthly things are unstable, fleeting, corruptible. And yet, with a sort of blind greed, men stake all they possess, all the forces of their souls, upon this card which is bound to be trumped. They take their wealth to a bank which will certainly become insolvent."*

Especially now as summer activities begin to fill our already overcrowded schedules, we must decide what we value most. Is our time to be spent pleasing our bodies, which we pamper and prize but which are unstable and temporal and will be of no account on the Day of Judgment — or will we strive to heal and adorn our souls, making the Church our number one priority, acquiring "words" to justify ourselves in God's sight?

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From what we understand, the church could make about 10% for each ***scrip.*** You don't lose anything, it doesn't cost you anymore and the church benefits.

Helen Kulina is working on the particulars. Please see her for any questions and of course answers. Or call

Helen Kulina
362-8564

A NEW KITCHEN AT ST. PAUL

The **Womens Guild** of St. Paul Orthodox Church is working on a two-fold project. We are creating a **Lenten Cookbook**. It will have recipes for strict fast as well as *not so strict* fast days.

We need recipe donations. If you have a *favorite* lenten recipe, breakfast, lunch, dinner or desserts **send them in!**

Please include the name of the person donating the recipe, the name of their *home*parish, and if possible the *ethnic origin* of the dish.

We hope to use the proceeds from the sale of this **cookbook** to build a kitchen. The second goal of the project is to help encourage Orthodox Families (old and new) to fast during the *prescribed* fast periods of the Church, without the boredome of peanut butter and jelly!

This **cookbook** will be for sale approximatewly January 1, 1996. Please send recipes/inquiries about sales to:

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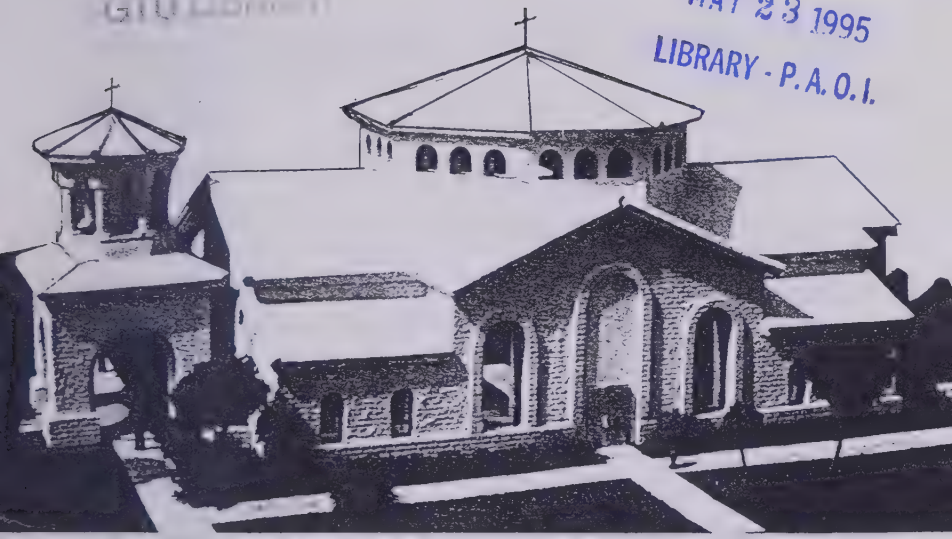

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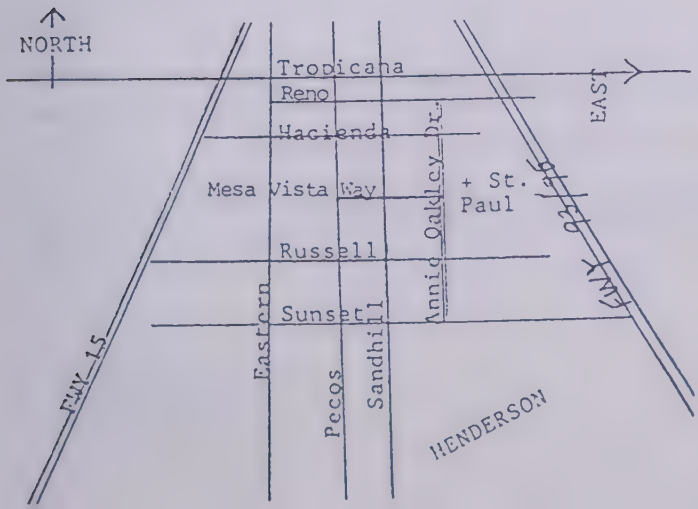

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From the desk of Father Nicholas...

Christ is Risen!

I am writing this April 30,1995, just two weeks less one day from the *consecration* of our new Temple. It's not a lot of time and certainly no days, hours or even minutes to spare. In fact, by the time you get this it will even be more of a push.

The time has gone quickly the last six and a half years but worth every minute. And by the time we get *through* the week-end with all the pomp and circumstance we will all be better.

Personally, I want **every man, woman and child** of St. Paul to attend and participate in everything the week-end brings. No excuses for not attending will be accepted. I am sorry but this is a *once in a lifetime affair.*

Friday evening, His Beatitude will walk you through the altar area and explain what will occur at the consecration. This will be after vespers on Friday.

Saturday morning, the actual consecration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the meeting of the hierarchs at the front entrance. I don't want you to think the service is short, it isn't, but with everything that will be happening you won't believe how quickly the time goes.

What a blessing to have the St. Mary Cathedral Choir from Minneapolis as our guests. Their 40 voice choir will fill the Church with the sounds of angels on high.

As of today, there are 19 priests, four deacons and the Metropolitan and our Bishop confirmed. This in itself will be wonderful, an experience not to forget.

The banquet at 2:00 p.m. will also compliment the day, a concert by the St. Mary Choir, an excellent meal prepared by an old friend of mine and a new friend of St. Paul, Roy Ratkovich of Sacramento.

The week-end isn't over until after the Hierarchical Liturgy Sunday morning with our own exceptional choir singing the responses. Our folks will also prepare a barbecue on the property after Liturgy Sunday. Afterwards we can all *collapse*.

Please make sure that you have scheduled this week-end into your lives and the lives of our children. It is important to all of us.

With Blessings,

Fr. Nicholas

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In addressing him you say, Your Grace, May I have your Blessing.

Your right hand over your left in front of the hierarch. He will bless you and you will kiss his hand. You do not make the sign of the cross in front of either of them when asking for a blessing.

Also, do not try to kiss the hierarch unless they extend this to you first.

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	7 Pascha III—Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearers & the Righteous Joseph St Alexis (Toth) of Wilkes-Barre, 1909 9 AM LITURGY Patronal Feast Day Monastery of the Holy Myrrhbearers Otego, NY	8 St John the Theologian	9 Prophet Isaiah Transfer of the Relics of St Nicholas 6:30 PM PARISH COUNCIL
	14 Pascha IV—Sunday of the Paralytic 8:30 AM LITURGY Commencement St Herman's Seminary, Kodiak, AK Repose of Metropolitan Leonty (Turkevich), 15th ruling bishop of the Church in America, 1965 MOTHER'S DAY	15 St Pachomius	16 MAY 1
	21 Pascha V—Sunday of the Samaritan Woman Ss Constantine & Helen 9 AM LITURGY	22 VICTORIA DAY (Canada)	23
	28 Pascha VI—Sunday of the Blind Man 9 AM LITURGY Commencement St Tikhon's Seminary, South Canaan, PA	29 Memorial Day Pilgrimage St Tikhon's Monastery, South Canaan, PA Memorial Day Observances Vatra Romaneasca, Grass Lake, MI MEMORIAL DAY (observed, USA)	30

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3	4	5 Great Martyr Irene BATTLE OF PUEBLA (Mexico)	6
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17	18 Tomos of Autocephaly received by OCA delegation headed by Bishop [Metropolitan] Theodosius in Moscow, 1970	19 St Demetri of the Don	20 5 PM VESPERS Commencement St Vladimir's Seminary, Crestwood, NY ARMED FORCES DAY (USA)
24	25 Third Finding of the Head of St John the Baptist	26 91st Annual Pilgrimage Monastery of St Tikhon of Zadonsk South Canaan, PA, May 26–29	27 5 PM VESPERS
31	RECEPTION OF THE TOMOS OF AUTOCEPHALY MOSCOW/MAY 18, 1970 *At this solemn moment, let me say, on behalf of our Church, that we receive this gift of autocephaly not as a recognition of our merits or achievements, not as a means of power and pride, but as the challenge for a renewed dedication to the growth, unity and spiritual welfare of Orthodoxy in America. We pray God that we may seek not our own but only His will for His Church so that we may grow into the full stature of Christ.* –Bishop [Metropolitan] Theodosius	June S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	

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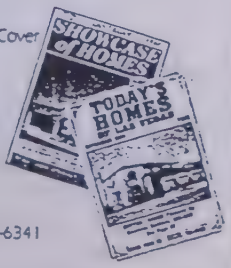

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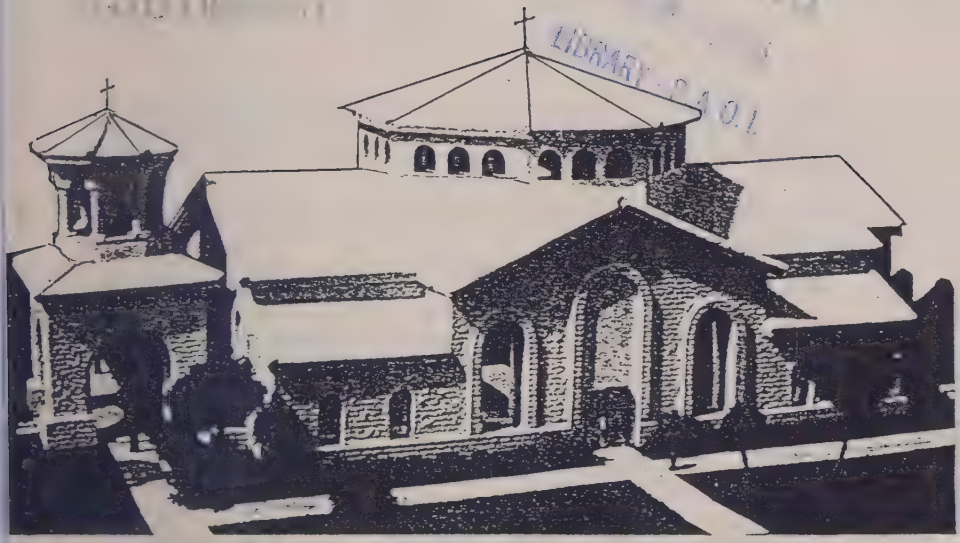

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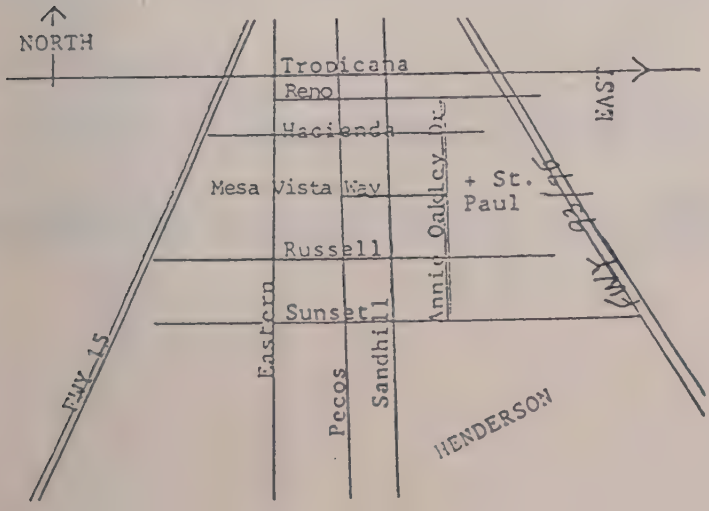

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Paschal Greetings

To the Very Reverend & Reverend Priests and Deacons, the honorable Monastics, and all the Flock, beloved in the Lord, on the territory of the Diocese of the West!

Christ is Risen!

"This is the day that the Lord hath made,
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!" (Psalm 117:24)

On this chosen and holy Day, I greet you all—Priests, Deacons, those in the orders of the Altar and the Monastery, and all the beloved Faithful on the occasion of the most radiant Resurrection of our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ, the Source, Well-Spring, Font, and Origin of all our joy, which can never fade away!

Now indeed "all things are filled with light; heaven and earth, and the nethermost regions of the earth." And the whole creation also rejoices, since included in Christ's Resurrection is the pledge of eternal life and everlasting joy.

To our own proud and limited reason Christ's Resurrection might seem like only a kind of symbol and not Reality. But to the true Christian and to Christ's Church, His Body, Christ's Resurrection is Real, and not a pious fantasy, and we proclaim it with many a troparion and hymn, many a prayer. In this Resurrection is to be found the very deepest significance of our Orthodox Christian Faith. Without Christ's Resurrection, everything in our spiritual world would be wrapped in darkness and pessimism, ruled by the fact of death which levels everything and knows no distinction between good and evil, sickness and health, for in death there is no comprehension of life, joy, truth, the good and the just.

Glory and thanksgiving be to our resurrected Lord Jesus Christ for having made His Resurrection real, visible, and witnessed by so many! On the First Day of Resurrection He appeared to Mary Magdalene and the other myrrhbearing Women; He appeared to Saint Peter, then to the two disciples on the way to Emmaus, then to ten Apostles. After eight days He appeared to all the Apostles in order to convince Thomas of this Resurrection; then He appeared to a gathering of more than 500 of the brethren, then to St. James, and to the seven Apostles on the Sea of Tiberias, then to all the Apostles so they could witness His glorious Ascension, and finally from the opened heavens He appeared to the persecutor of His disciples, Saul, to transform him into the Apostle Paul.

What more could possibly be provided for proving Christ's Resurrection than that all these Apostles suffered and died for preaching this very Resurrection they had witnessed and that they continued to preach Christ in their sufferings and martyrdom? Glory be to our Resurrected God-Christ Who confirms our Faith and Church by His Resurrection!

What kind of commemoration should we be having in our Churches, in our communities? It should be like the celebrations of the Angels, who "In heaven sing Thy Resurrection." It should

be worthy of association with the Church in Heaven, worthy of Heaven and Earth. O Christ, our Savior, "Deem us also who are on earth worthy to glorify Thee with a pure heart!"

At this time of Pascha and the Bright, Radiant Week when, in harmony with our Holy Tradition, we behold the Holy Doors to our Altars opened, let's turn our spiritual eyes to the doors of the heavenly Bridal Chamber which are at the same time opened through Christ's Resurrection, and try to penetrate with our gaze and our heightened prayers to our Lord Himself, that He will give His Peace to the whole Creation—peace, light, healing, restoration...Life!

"Come, let us rejoice in the Lord, let us shout with jubilation unto God our Savior" (Psalm 94:1)...just so let's celebrate Pascha!

Indeed Christ is Risen!

+Tikhon

ITEMS NEEDED FOR CHURCH

There are going to be many items needed to furnish the Church. This list will only reflect those items needed now. I will be printing more as time permits.

2 PLAQUES FOR THE FRONT ENTRANCE.
These will reflect the founding and also the consecration information. Each one is different but has a certain amount of history.
You can buy one or both, they are each $ 600.00.

3 ALALOGION TABLES
These are used for the icons of Christ, the Theotokos and the Church or Feast. They are $ 150.00 each.

Please see Father Nicholas

April 1995

From the desk of...

Father Nicholas

Dear Faithful,

Tick, tick, tick, tick , tick, tick....

Yes, the time clock is ticking and every day is important to the completion of our Church. You are going to be called upon to work *every* Saturday and whatever other time you may have to make sure that we are ready for **May 13, 1995.**

We are so fortunate to have His Beatitude, Metropolitan THEODOSIUS and His Grace , Bishop TIKHON to be here to consecrate our new temple. And there will be many clergy and faithful coming to Las Vegas to see what St. Paul's is about.

In addition to the guest hierarchs and clergy we are honored to have the **St. Mary's Cathedral Choir** from Minneapolis. This parish is over 100 years old and are taking time to come to Las Vegas to make our consecration even more special. They will sing the responses at vespers Friday evening, the Hierarchical Liturgy and Consecration Saturday as well as a concert at the banquet.

One of the many *important* things that I want to ensure is that no one misses any of the festivities. The Church services will be a once in a lifetime event as will be the banquet.

I know that some of our people can't afford the $35.00 and if you can't I need to know because we will *cover* the cost so that you can attend. In addition to this, there is **no charge** for any youth 18 and under. I want everyone of our people to attend and participate in this *historical event.* Our children need to *witness* this event and tell their children and their children's children.

Let us enter Holy Week and Pascha praying that He find us worthy of these many blessings.

In His Love.

Fr Nicholas

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APRIL 15 (Saturday) 3:30 PM CHURCH SCHOOL	FOURTH ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL CLEVELAND/1975 *Mission ...* *It is our obligation to share our spiritual treasures, our truth, our light and our joy with those who do not have these gifts. And this duty lies not only on our pastors and missionaries, but also on lay people, for the Church of Christ, in the wise comparison of St. Paul, is a body, and in the life of the body every members takes part.* –Metropolitan Iriney		
CONFESSIONS AFTER EVERY SERVICE OR BY SPECIAL APPOINT-MENT	**2** Great Lent IV– Sunday of St John of the Ladder 9 AM LITURGY Daylight Saving Time (add 1 hour)	**3**	**4**
	9 Great Lent V– Sunday of St Mary of Egypt 9 AM LITURGY	**10** Spring Session of the Metropolitan Council Tomos of Autocephaly signed by Patriarch Alexsy I and the Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church, Moscow, 1970	**11** 6:30 PM PARISH COUNCIL
	16 The Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem 9 AM LITURGY 7 PM BRIDEGROOM WESTERN EASTER	**17** Great & Holy Monday 7 PM BRIDEGROOM	**18** Great & Holy Tuesday 7 PM BRIDEGROOM
	23 Pascha I–The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ Great Martyr George 9 AM LITURGY	**24** Bright Monday St Ioreal & Sava, Metropolitans of Transylvania 9 AM LITURGY	**25** Bright Tuesday Apostle & Evangelist Mark 9 AM LITURGY
	30 Pascha II– Sunday of St Thomas the Apostle Apostle James St Ignatius (Brianchaninov) 1 PM VESPERS		

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5 5:30 PM PRE-SANCTIFIED	6	7 St Tikhon of Moscow, Enlightener of North America, 1925	8 Praises of the Holy Theotokos 9 AM LITURGY 5 PM VESPERS Retreat, ARI - KA Lenten Retreat Diocese of Western Pennsylvania
12	13	14	15 The Resurrection of Lazarus 9 AM LITURGY 5 PM VESPERS Pan-Orthodox parish of the Holy Trinity, established New Orleans, LA, 1865
19 Great & Holy Wednesday 7 PM HOLY UNCTION	20 Great & Holy Thursday 9 AM LITURGY 7 PM 12 GOSPELS	21 Great & Holy Friday 9 AM ROYAL HOURS 3 PM VESPERS 7 PM LAMENTATIONS	22 Great & Holy Saturday 9 AM LITURGY 11:30 PM MATINS & LITURGY
26 Bright Wednesday	27 Bright Thursday St Simeon, Kinsman of Our Lord Religious Education Series Diocese of Western Pennsylvania Thursdays, April 27–June 1	28 Bright Friday–Feast of the Mother of God, the Life-Giving Fountain 2nd Annual Pilgrimage Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery Reeds Junction, MI	29 Bright Saturday

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There will be music for listening and dancing. Families are encouraged to bring balls, frisbees etc.

Everyone is Welcome!!

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HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Oscar Abdoulah	4/4	Amelia Harling	4/2
Banti Sonait (Asega)	4/3	Julia S. Kostin	4/20
Douglas Bauer	4/28	Nikola Milosevic	4/24
Michael Brandon Beatty	4/30	Djordje Milosevic	4/30
Matthew Bernardi	4/14	Isaac Negasi	4/13
Alyssa Chong	4/30	Sandra Paul	4/16
Joseph Dabrowski	4/2	Dimitri Primaky	4/25
Milica Flanagan	4/14	Eileen Primaky	4/12
Olivia Franzi	4/26	B. Michael Salamawit	4/27
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CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

The Church School program is temporarily on Saturdays once a month. We will begin the regular program in the fall after the Divine Liturgy every Sunday. Please work with us and the new Director of Religious Instruction, Michael Spainhoward. All of the teachers are working extremely hard to make this program work. The schedule is:

April 29 (Saturday)
May 20 (Saturday)

3:30 p.m. Church School begins
4:30 p.m. Confessions
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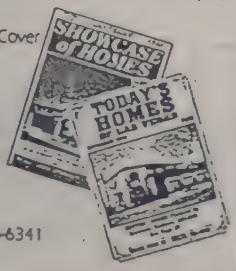

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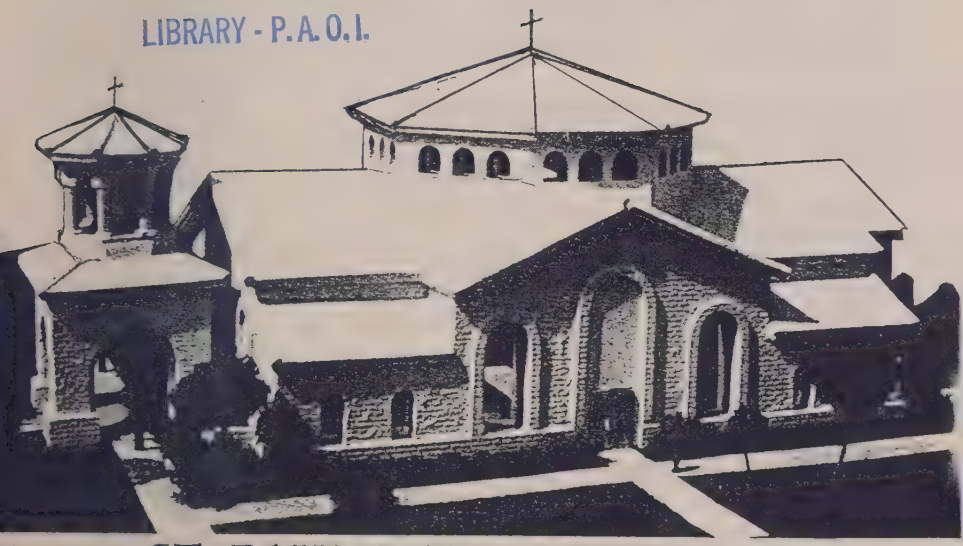

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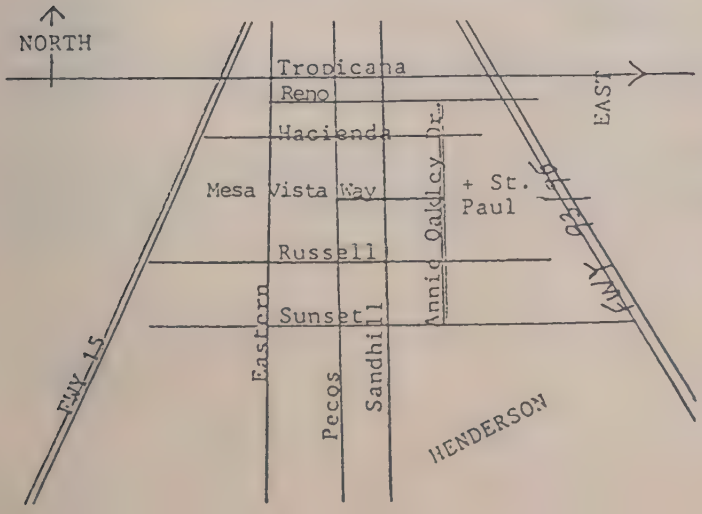

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from the desk of *Father Nicholas...*

Dear Faithful, Friends and Supporters,

May 13 , 1995 was a glorious day in the history of St. Paul Mission. The day of the consecration of our beautiful and new Church. How blessed we are.
In the matter of a few hours we had a beautiful new temple, a community center, a place for a kitchen, classrooms and office space. We are ready to roll.
I know that there were *some* mistakes but it is a little late to dwell on the mistakes, rather, a good time to dwell on what we have. If there are any complaints that we can do anything about they are to be referred to the complaint desk located on the second floor of the Community Center in room 12.
I couldn't begin to thank individuals as I believe that everyone in the parish helped by physically working, financially giving, morale boosters and especially for the prayers. I know that those prayers helped me get through some very difficult weeks. Not that there isn't more work to be done, but there is no pressure like we had. Thank God!
In years from now, our children will remember these little things fondly as I am sure we will. And isn't it amazing that we have air conditioning in less that three months like the last building. That's right, there will be air Sunday, June 4,1995. That is of course if everything goes well which right now looks very promising.
Our plan this summer will include the Church Slava (Name Day) which we will celebrate on July 2nd and then Church Camp August 13-16.
I have been very pleased with the attendance since we moved into the *large space* but also know that we have a long way to go to fill St. Paul's. We can do it and will do it.

Blessings,

Fr. Nicholas

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On Going to Church and Behaving Piously There

One might say that it's not so much that people erect a church and consecrate it as it is that God gives people a church . (St. Philaret of Moscow)(canonized 1994)

A Christian church is a treasurehouse of blessings and a school of piety. (Philaret of Chernigov)

Just as rain causes a seed to grow, so do church services strengthen the soul for good works.(St. Ephraim the Syrian)

There are people who build churches but pay no attention to their souls.

When you enter the doors of God's temple, leave behind yourself everything worldly and earthly (St. Philaret of Moscow)

If you enter God's temple, light a candle in your heart first (Luke 12, 35) then place one if you can before God (II Cor. 9,7) or one of His saints, and pray zealously as long as the candle is burning.

It not infrequently happens that our candle burns clearly and brightly before an Icon, while in our hearts there's very little warmth and light.

Some people standing in Church instead of having a saving conversation with God exchange idle words with a human being.

Take care that God Who is glorified with words in the Church is not assaulted in your home by your deeds. (St. Philaret of Moscow)

A person who spends time at Vigil uttering idle words would be better off spending the time in bed. (Abba Isaiah)

"What use is there in going to art school and not studying there," asked Abba Pimen, referring to impious and disorderly presence in Church.

In Church one should stand with all piety, in order not to increase, instead of decreasing, sins . (Spiritual Pearls)

You can bring your own house into church, i e., your thoughts about worldly cares: and you can also bring the Church into your own house, i.e., your recollection of sacred hymnography and edifying readings. (James, Archbishop of Nizhegorod)

A church made by the labor of human hands does not sanctify nor does it save the person who on his own side does not labor on himself in order to make himself a living church of the living God. (St. Philaret of Moscow)

From "Tsvetnik dukhovny"
(A Spiritual Flowerbed)
St. Panteleimon's Monastery, Athos
1909

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Notes	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	FIFTH ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL MONTREAL/1977 *Stewardship...* *Stewardship means living in such a way that daily life and spiritual, Christian life, are one and the same thing. It means recognizing that everything one has, including life itself, is given by God as a gift. It means giving in return, giving of oneself, one's time, talent, and treasure for the sake of Christ and the Kingdom of God.* –Metropolitan Theodosius		
	4 Pascha VII–Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council 9 am LITURGY	**5**	**6**
	11 Holy Pentecost Apostles Barnabas & Bartholomew 9 am LITURGY	**12** 9 am LITURGY	**13** 6:30 pm PARISH COUNCIL Diocesan Assembly, Diocese of the South McAllen, TX, June 13–16
	18 Sunday of All Saints 9 am LITURGY FATHER'S DAY	**19** Apostle Jude Beginning of the Apostles' Fast	**20**
	25 Sunday of All Saints of North America 9 am LITURGY Liturgical Institute of Music and Pastoral Practice St Vladimir's Seminary Crestwood, NY, June 25–30 Boys & Girls Summer Camp St Tikhon's Seminary South Canaan, PA, June 25–July 1 OCA SEMINARY APPEAL SUNDAY	**26** Icon of Our Lady of Tikhvin Ss Peter and Paul Camp Las Vegas, NV, June 25–29 St Eugene's Camp/Pacific Central Deanery June 25–July 7 Chicago/Michigan Deanery Camp June 25–July 1	**27** Repose of Metropolitan Theophilis (Pashkovsky), 14th ruling bishop of the Church in America, 1930

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ICES

Sundays: 9:00 a.m.

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Day schedules

June/95

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	1 Ascension of Our Lord St Justin the Martyr 7 am LITURGY North American Theological Seminary established by St Tikhon (Belavin), Minneapolis, MN, 1905	2 7 pm CHOIR National Congress, ARF-ORA, June 2–4	3 5 pm VESPERS
7	8 St John of Kronstadt Church Administrative Committee Meeting Oyster Bay Cove, NY	9 St Cyril of Alexandria 7 pm CHOIR	10 Memorial Saturday 9 am LITURGY 5 pm VESPERS
14 Prophet Elisha FLAG DAY (USA)	15	16 7 pm CHOIR	17 5 pm VESPERS
21	22	23 Icon of Our Lady of Vladimir 7 pm VESPERS 6th Annual Apostle's Fast Youth Retreat Monastery of the Glorious Ascension Resaca, GA, June 23–25	24 Nativity of St John the Baptist 9 am LITURGY 5 pm VESPERS St Jean Baptiste Day (Quebec)
28 Ss Sergius & Herman of Valaamo 7 pm VESPERS	29 Ss Peter & Paul 7 am LITURGY Church Congress, Romanian Episcopate Vatra Romaneasca, Grass Lake, MI June 29–July 2	30 Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles 7 pm CHOIR Diocesan Assembly, Bulgarian Diocese June 30–July 2	July S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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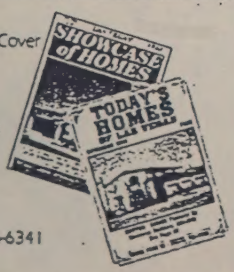

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